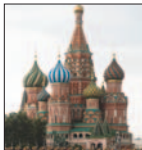


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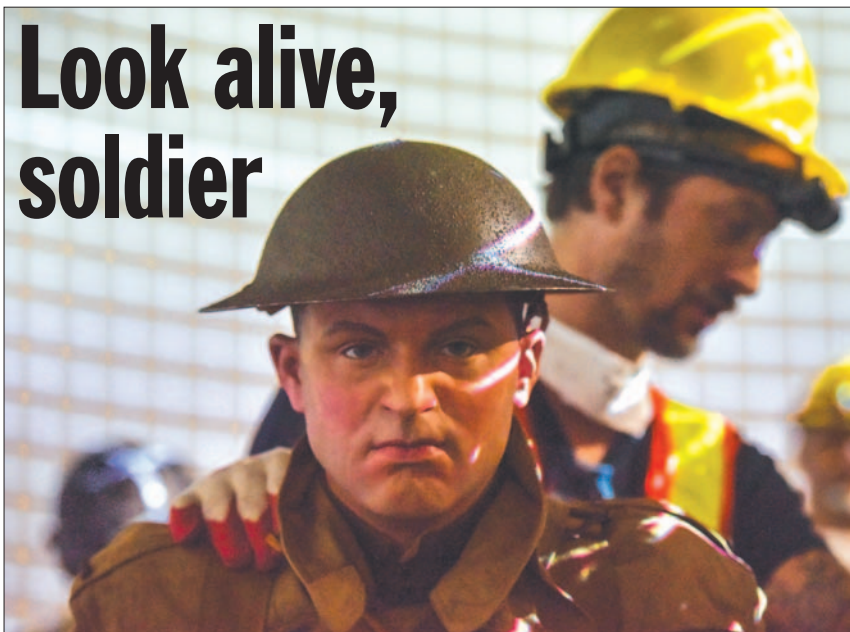
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## Look alive, soldier



### New Army museum's 'immersion' exhibits bring battle scenes to life

By MICHAEL E. RUANE  
*The Washington Post*

**T**he make-believe battlefield is small. And there's a bullet-pocked French tank beside the pathway. So before the figure of the American machine-gunner reaches the shell hole, B.J. Ervick detaches his hands, just to be safe.

Fixed to metal shanks, and with screws in the knuckles, they come off easily. Ervick, the production director, lays them on cushioned packing paper. Then

Among the National Museum of the U.S. Army's artifacts are a famous WWII Sherman tank from the Battle of the Bulge, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle from the wars in Iraq and the engine wreckage from the first helicopter shot down in the 1993 "Black Hawk Down" disaster in Somalia, in which 18 Americans were killed.

he and a colleague lift the squealing doughboy and carry him feet first to the western front.

It is the fall of 1918 in the new National Museum of the U.S. Army. And experts are re-creating a scene from the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France, which helped end World War I in defeat for Germany and victory for the U.S. and allied forces.

The handless American — Soldier No. 14 — is gently placed in the shell hole, near blasted tree trunks and an abandoned German howitzer.

He'll get his helmet, his machine gun and his hands back later.

Inside this gleaming, new museum, scheduled to open next spring at Fort Belvoir, Va., time is growing short.

Technicians in hard hats crawl over battlefields littered with boxes, ladders and wiring. And the cast figures of soldiers such as No. 14 wait to go into action.

About 20 miles south of Washington, the \$400 million steel and glass facility will be the

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## Iran rejects US blame for Saudi oil attack

By JON GAMBRELL  
*Associated Press*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A weekend drone attack on Saudi Arabia that cut into global energy supplies and halved the kingdom's oil production threatened Sunday to fuel a regional crisis as Iran denied U.S. allegations it launched the assault and tensions remained high over Tehran's collapsing nuclear deal.

Iran called the U.S. claims "maximum lies," while a commander in its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard reiterated its forces could strike U.S. military bases across the Mideast with its arsenal of ballistic missiles. A prominent U.S. senator suggested striking Iranian oil refineries in response for the assault claimed by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels on Saudi Arabia's largest oil processing facility.

"Because of the tension and sensitive situation, our region is like a powder keg," warned Guard Brig. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh. "When these contacts come too close, when forces come into contact with one another, it is possible a conflict happens because of a misunderstanding."

Actions on any side could break into the open a twilight war that's been raging just below the surface of the wider Persian Gulf over the last months. Already, there have been mysterious attacks on oil tankers that America blames on Tehran, at least one suspected Israeli strike on Shiite forces in Iraq,

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**'Wherever they are,  
it only takes one  
spark and we hit  
their vessels, their air  
bases, their troops.'**

Brig. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh  
Iran Revolutionary Guard

B.J. Ervick installs a full-size figure of a World War I soldier last month at the National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Va.

JAHN CHIKWENDU/The Washington Post

## MILITARY

Acquitted Navy SEAL  
sues 2 former lawyers

SAN DIEGO — A Navy SEAL acquitted in a war crimes trial has sued two of his former attorneys and a military legal defense nonprofit.

The San Diego Union-Tribune said the lawsuit filed Friday in Texas by Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Gallagher claims his case was not defended properly. The filing says attorneys Colby Vokey and Phillip Stackhouse, along with United American Patriots, attempted to delay the case in an effort to maximize fundraising for the nonprofit.

Stackhouse said he has not yet read the complaint. David Gurfine, CEO of United American Patriots, said he hasn't read it either. A lawyer for Vokey did not address the complaint in an email to the newspaper Saturday.

A military jury in July cleared Gallagher of murder. He was convicted of a single charge of posing for photos with the corpse of a 17-year-old militiaman.

From The Associated Press

## Correction

The Travel story on Warsaw published on Sept. 13 in Europe and Pacific editions and Sept. 15 in the Contingency edition should have said Poland was behind the Iron Curtain but was never under Soviet rule, and the museum opened on the anniversary of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against occupying Nazi forces. Fighting in Warsaw began in September 1939, when Germany invaded Poland, starting World War II.

## Cleanup at bases may cost over \$2B

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The costs to clean up chemical contaminants suspected at more than 400 current and former military sites could eclipse the \$2 billion estimate that the Pentagon projected in March, defense officials said Thursday.

The increased cost assessment for the Defense Department came as an environmental watchdog organization that monitors drinking water contamination at military sites increased the number of installations where it said perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, have been found in drinking water and warned that number would continue to increase.

The Pentagon recently established a task force to determine the scope of contamination from PFAS at Defense Department sites and the impact those man-made chemicals have on humans, said Bob McMahon, who is the assistant secretary of defense for sustainment and the chairman of the task force.

Since the 1950s, PFAS have been used worldwide in a variety of products including nonstick cookware, water-repellent fabrics and the firefighting foam commonly used throughout the military. They have been linked to an increase in cancer risks, birth defects and other health problems, according to the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, or ATSDR.

McMahon said Thursday that the task force is working with ATSDR to better understand the

problem the military faces, starting with studies of eight stateside Air Force installations or former installations and their surrounding communities chosen by ATSDR. The Pentagon has also begun to study the impacts of PFAS on Defense Department firefighters, who through using the firefighting foam — officially known as Aqueous Film Forming Foam, or AFFF — are believed to have received the most exposure to the chemicals in the department.

## Sites of study

The ATSDR study will look at Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base in West Virginia, Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, Elson Air Force Base in Alaska, Barnes Air National Guard Base in Massachusetts, the former Reese Air Force Base in Texas, Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York, New Castle Air National Guard Base in Delaware and Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington, as well as the communities surrounding them. Officials hope to determine the level of PFAS chemicals in humans in those communities and how those levels correlate to health problems.

For the Pentagon, the primary issue is drinking water contaminated by the decadeslong use of AFFF, the firefighting foam. In 2016, the Defense Department banned the use of the foam during training events on installations but it still uses it to fight fires. McMahon said there is no alternative to the potentially toxic firefighting foam.

When the foam is deployed,

McMahon said, the Defense Department now treats the area as a toxic spill in an effort to keep it from spreading too far. He believes the discontinued use of the foam in training should correlate to lower levels of PFAS in drinking water near military posts.

"It does not undo what we've done" in the past, said McMahon, a retired Air Force major general. "But it does ensure we don't contribute anymore to the contamination that's taken place."

What McMahon and the Pentagon have yet to determine is exactly how much of a problem they have and what it will cost to mitigate it.

The Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that specializes in environmental research and advocacy, announced last week that it has increased the number of military installations where it has identified PFAS in drinking water. The group added 90 Army posts to its list of Defense Department sites where drinking water shows some level of PFAS contamination, bringing the total to 297 U.S. military installations with the issue.

## Limiting PFAS

That number is expected to grow as the other services provide updated data to EWG that the group requested through the Freedom of Information Act, McMahon said. Pentagon studies have identified 401 current and former military sites confirmed or suspected of being exposed to PFAS.

Despite the finding of PFAS chemicals in the water, McMahon

said the department has taken action to limit the chemicals in drinking water via filtration and other methods. None of the DOD-provided drinking water on its installations exceeds the EPA's lifetime health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion for the PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam.

"As of today, there are no military members that are drinking water that's above the lifetime health advisory where the Department of Defense is the purveyor of the water," he said. "That's important, because that is the most important measure — are we taking care of our people?"

Maureen Sullivan, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for the environment, said Thursday that the department had spent some \$200 million annually for the last 10 years on PFAS-related cleanup. She used that figure to determine her "wild guess" in March that the Pentagon would need \$2 billion for PFAS cleanup efforts.

"There was no factoring in of cleanup levels, no factoring in of technologies," Sullivan told reporters Thursday alongside McMahon. "It was just a general — it's going to be somewhere in that vicinity. We're really not going to know (the cost) until we have much more investigation into the sites to see the scope of the problem."

McMahon, too, expects the costs to eventually exceed the original estimate.

"Do I think it's going to be bigger than that? The answer is yes," he said.

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## MILITARY

# New gear keeps communications channels open

Equipment split between 2 vehicles also gives soldiers more room for supplies

By MARTIN EGNASH

Stars and Stripes

**GRAFENWOEHR, Germany** — New vehicle-mounted communications gear allows soldiers at the frontlines to keep vital communications channels open and gives them more room to carry supplies, servicemembers taking part in an exercise here said Friday.

Soldiers with the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, received the newest iteration of Point of Presence and Soldier Network Extension tactical communications equipment just before Exercise Saber Junction got underway at Grafenwoehr Sept. 3.

Vehicle-mounted PoP/SNE equipment is not new to the Army, but older variants had both

systems in the same vehicle, taking up valuable space, said Spc. Tyler Thompson, a communications soldier driving a vehicle fitted with an SNE.

The new PoP/SNE equipment is split between two vehicles, giving the soldiers enough extra room on the Humvees to carry more food, water, fuel and additional supplies or spare parts.

That can come in handy when the soldiers are operating far from a supply base, Thompson said.

"I'm used to putting radios and batteries and extra gear in my [pack], but now I can put whatever I need in the Humvee," he said. "It's really nice."

The vehicle-mounted PoP/SNE equipment also allows soldiers to keep communications networks constantly open and stay in con-



MARTIN EGNASH/Stars and Stripes

**Sgt. 1st Class Clark Davis, a communications soldier with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, works with new PoP/SNE communications equipment mounted on the back of a Humvee during Exercise Saber Junction on Friday at Grafenwoehr, Germany.**

tact with their headquarters and rear elements while on the move.

The 173rd is the first unit in Europe to receive the new communications systems, and one of only a handful around the world making use of the extra storage room they free up.

The soldiers have been practicing with the new gear for the past few weeks but are finally putting it to the test during this month's exercise, which involves nearly 5,400 participants from 16 nations.

Saber Junction, which is de-

signed to assess the brigade's ability to execute land operations alongside allied and partner nations, runs until Sept. 30. The main war games start Wednesday at Hohenfels.

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## Morocco to get more weapons in US deal

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**STUTTGART, Germany** — Nearly \$1 billion in missiles and other weaponry have been cleared for sale to Morocco, a key U.S. counterterrorism partner, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency announced.

The deal, which still requires congressional approval, calls for the sale of \$776 million anti-armor TOW missiles and various supporting elements to bolster Morocco's ground defenses. In addition, Morocco would receive \$209 million in bombs to arm its F-16 fighter-bombers, the DSCA said in a statement Thursday.

The package will include 5,810 MK82-1 bombs, 300 MK84-4 bombs, 105 Joint Direct Attack Munitions and a host of other components.

Morocco requested the arms, which U.S. officials say will help the country deal with threats posed by violent extremist organizations in the region. The sale also will bolster Morocco's ability



CEAIRA TINSLEY/U.S. Air Force

**A Royal Moroccan Air Force F-16 taxis past two F-16C Fighting Falcons from the 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron during exercise African Lion 2019 at Ben Guerir Air Base, Morocco, in March. The U.S. military Thursday announced the sale of nearly \$1 billion in missiles and other weaponry to Morocco.**

to take part in operations against Islamic militants in places like Syria and Iraq, the DSCA said.

The munitions will help Morocco fight alongside "the United States and other regional allies and enhance Morocco's ability to undertake coalition operations, as it has done in the past in flying sorties against ISIS in Syria and Iraq," the agency said. "This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major non-NATO ally that continues to

be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Africa."

The U.S. military has long had close ties with Morocco, where U.S. Marines annually train in one of U.S. Africa Command's largest drills on the continent, known as African Lion.

In the past year, Washington also cleared for sale upgraded F-16s to Morocco as well as enhancements for Morocco's Abrams tank fleet.

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## Taiwan signals swift action on F-16 fighters

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Taiwan has signaled to U.S. officials that it will move swiftly to complete the purchase of 66 new F-16 fighters once congressional foreign relations committees complete their review this month, according to a State Department official.

The department formally notified Congress on Aug. 20 that it approved the sale, which includes munitions, defensive electronics and a top-of-the-line fire-control radar that would allow precision-guided missiles and bombs to be launched from greater distances.

Once the Taiwan deal is approved by Congress—and there's been no sign it will be blocked—Taiwan must submit a formal Letter of Offer and Acceptance that gets translated into a signed contract with delivery dates.

"According to our counterparts in Taiwan and the Taiwan representative's office" in the U.S., "they anticipate a quick move on their part" to finish the F-16 deal, Assistant Secretary of State Clarke Cooper, who heads State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, said in an interview. "If we are talking about the F-16s" alone

"then the indicators are that's a relatively quick turnaround from Taipei," he said.

China, which considers Taiwan part of its territory, has strongly objected to the sale of the jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp. A spokeswoman for China's Foreign Ministry, Hua Chungying, said last month that if U.S. arms sales aren't stopped "the Chinese side will surely make strong reactions, and the U.S. will have to bear all the consequences."

Congress has already approved a separate potential transaction for \$2 billion to sell Taiwan 108 M1A2 Abrams tanks, but no contracts have been announced for that deal.

"With every partner, we're always looking not only at their security requirements, we are looking at how they address it at home" in terms of budgets, Cooper said Thursday.

Negotiating a contract sometimes takes months and doesn't always result in a sale.

But Taiwan's Cabinet this month approved a special budget bill for the F-16 purchases, its Ministry of National Defense said Sept. 4, so the U.S. approval process is in sync with Taiwan's budget cycle.



## PACIFIC

# US military lifts restrictions at stores in S. Korea

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. military has lifted monthly commissary purchase limits and eased other restrictions on shoppers at base stores in South Korea.

The new policy, which took effect Wednesday, also allows patrons who don't have purchasing privileges to enter commissaries and department store-style exchanges although they're not allowed to buy anything.

The change came as U.S. Forces Korea, the main command for some 28,500 troops based

on the divided peninsula, is trying to make it a more attractive assignment.

However, limits remain as USFK seeks to prevent black-market sales of goods sold on base. Alcohol sales, for example, will continue to be restricted.

Authorized shoppers also must show a military ID or ration card at the cash register, according to the new policy that was announced in a Sept. 11 memo signed by Air Force Maj. Gen. Stephen Williams, USFK chief of staff.

"The purchase of duty-free goods and services will only re-

quire verification at the point of sale," USFK said.

Servicemembers, their families and other Americans working for the government may shop tax-free in commissaries and exchanges.

But commissary shoppers were previously limited to \$800 for the main sponsor and \$300 for additional family members per month.

The National Military Family Association applauded the decision.

"We think this is a win for families — especially those with infants and young toddlers. Formula and diapers are expensive

— even at the commissary," said Kelly Hruska, the organization's government relations director.

"By removing the spending limits, it allows families to expand their shopping beyond just the basic necessities," she added.

The previous policy had last been updated in August 2013 after the U.S. military faced rampant problems with black-marketeering, including goods purchased from base facilities being resold on the local market.

In one of the most notorious cases, a store manager and a South Korean businessman were convicted in 2003 of smuggling some 62,000 cases of wine and

beer through a tunnel dug under a U.S. military housing compound in Seoul.

The new policy stressed that officials will continue to monitor purchases and maintain controls against illegal usage.

"Reasonable security measures shall remain in place to ensure authorized patrons are verified and able to purchase duty-free goods at the point of sale," it said.

Violations may be punishable by the suspension or revocation of privileges and possible disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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## Thailand becomes 1st nation to buy US Strykers

By WYATT OLSON  
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The Royal Thai Army took delivery Thursday of the first set of Stryker fighting vehicles purchased from the United States, the U.S. Army said in a statement.

Thailand is the first foreign country to purchase the American-made, eight-wheeled vehicles, the statement said.

Gen. Robert Brown, commander of U.S. Army Pacific, participated in an official handover ceremony at Royal Thai Army headquarters in Bangkok. Accepting the vehicles was Gen. Apirat Kongsompong, commander in chief of the Royal Thai Army.

"The Stryker is so much more than a combat platform," Brown said during the ceremony, at which four of the Strykers were on display. "Its versatility and survivability make it the best vehicle a military could invest in."

Most of the vehicles they are being will be refurbished. The purchase includes communication systems and spare parts as well as training and logistical support, the statement said.

The ceremony marked the turnover of the first 10 Strykers, a U.S. Army Pacific spokesman told Stars and Stripes. The Thai Royal Army intends to eventually field a Stryker regiment, said spokesman Maj. Shea Asis.

Reuters reported last month that Apirat said Thailand would receive 70 Strykers by the end of 2019, with 50 more to arrive next year. He said the vehicles would be deployed to a base east of Bangkok, according Reuters.

"These Strykers will not only enhance the RTA capacity but will also act as a tangible symbol of friendship and a witness to the cordial relations between two countries," Apirat said during the Thursday ceremony, according to the U.S. Army statement.

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USS Arizona survivor Lauren Bruner, shown posing with the University of Arizona cheerleaders at Arizona Stadium in Tucson in September 2016, died last week at 98. Only three survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on the Arizona remain.

## Recent death leaves only 3 USS Arizona survivors

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

Lauren Bruner, who survived the cataclysmic attack on the USS Arizona by Japanese planes on Dec. 7, 1941, died last Tuesday at the age of 98.

His passing means just three surviving crewmembers who were aboard the Arizona that day remain: Don Stratton, 97, Lou Conter, 98, and Ken Potts, 98.

"Lauren was always quick with a laugh and had a smile that would brighten an entire room," Stratton wrote on Facebook on Wednesday. "We are beyond heartbroken."

Bruner regularly attended the annual commemorations of the attack held each Dec. 7 at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

In a 2014, Bruner announced that he had finally decided to have the urn that would hold his cremated remains interred in the sunken hull of the Arizona.

"Well, I studied it for a long time," Bruner explained with his characteristic humor. "All my family and friends have been buried in various places, cemeteries.

But it seems like after a while, nobody pays attention to them anymore after about five years. I hope that a lot of people will still be coming to the Arizona. I would be glad to see them."

Daniel Martinez, chief historian for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, which manages the USS Arizona Memorial, said in a tweet that discussions with the family regarding the placement of Bruner's ashes aboard the ship will be forthcoming.

Bruner chronicled his experience of the attack in "Second to the Last to Leave USS Arizona," a book he co-authored in 2017.

Bruner was born Nov. 4, 1920, and enlisted in the Navy in 1938. The following year, he was assigned to the USS Arizona as a fire controlman in charge of the ship's 50-caliber guns.

In a 2014 interview with Arizona Public Radio, Bruner recalled that on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he raced up from below the ship's deck when the attack began. There, he saw a Japanese plane fly by so closely that he could see the pilot's face with "a big old grin on his face, mouth wide open."

"I could see all those teeth," he

said. "You wanted to reach and bust him one."

Bruner raced for his battle station, but a Japanese Zero fixed its sights on him, fellow survivor Stratton recalled in his memoir, "All the Gallant Men."

"A blast from his guns, and bullets bit metal," Stratton wrote. "One of those shots struck flesh, hitting the back of Lauren's lower leg. He limped onto the sky platform, a trail of blood following him."

The Arizona was hit with four bombs, one of them crashing through three levels of the ship and into a powder magazine.

"It blew the heck out of everything, just lifted the bow about 30 feet off the water," Bruner said in the 2014 interview. "It had one hell of a fire."

Bruner, Stratton and four others were stranded amid the smoke and fire that quickly consumed the Arizona.

The men escaped death by grappling hand-over-hand for 70 feet on a rope to a nearby repair ship, the USS Vestal. Bruner had burns on over 70% of his body.

He was taken to the hospital ship USS Solace and transferred

to a mainland hospital after the turn of the year.

After he recovered, Bruner was assigned to the USS Coghlan, participating in eight major engagements in the Aleutian Islands and seven operations in the South Pacific operations.

He retired from the Navy in 1947.

The Dec. 7 attack left Bruner traumatized and he suffered decades of "nightmares, visions of dead bodies and memories of the stench of burning human flesh," according to the preface of his book.

He made a last request with its publication: "I do not want to further discuss or answer any questions concerning the actual attack," Bruner wrote. "As you read these chapters, know they were real and that it was truly Hell on Earth. The horrors of what I witnessed on that morning have kept me from sleep for many years after."

"I chose to face the future and not let my past dictate what might be ahead."

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## MILITARY

# Museum: StudioEIS artists created figures with the help of some actual US soldiers

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Army's flagship museum when it opens on June 4 on Liberty Drive off the Fairfax County Parkway.

It has already selected 1,300 "micro" artifacts and 19 "macro" artifacts — including a famous World War II Sherman tank from the Battle of the Bulge and a Bradley Fighting Vehicle from the wars in Iraq — for inclusion. The latter two are already in place.

Among the most moving artifacts is the wreckage of an engine from "Super 6-1," the first helicopter shot down in the 1993 "Black Hawk Down" disaster in Somalia in which 18 Americans were killed.

Among the most striking exhibits will be several "immersion" tableaux, which seek to place the visitor with the soldiers, amid the sights and sounds of combat.

Over several days last month, curators moved many of the specially cast soldier figures from the base at Fort Belvoir, Va., to the museum to be installed.

"Wow," Paul Morando, chief of exhibits, said as the work took place. "We are actually starting to look like a museum."

"You see the walls going up ... and the construction of it, but then when you start seeing the artifacts go in and the cast figures, reality is setting in that it is going to be ... a world-class museum," he said.

A few days later, wearing a white hard hat and yellow safety vest, he paced like a Hollywood director as artists from StudioEIS, which created the cast figures, positioned the World War I soldiers on the battlefield.

"They have bolts that come out of the bottom of their shoes," Morando said. Holes have to be drilled into the concrete that makes up the simulated ground and, "based on our art direction," the figures have to be fixed in place.

The figures, which are not fully finished, were molded mostly with the help of actual U.S. soldiers.

"Everybody here has been life cast," said Ervick, of StudioEIS. "We take a mold off their body and their faces and their hands, and then we have to assemble it and build it."

Most of the life casting was done in the firm's studio in Brooklyn, N.Y. The casts are composites of plastic, urethane, foam and other materials, Ervick said.

The figures were authentically clothed and outfitted by Artistry in Motion, a company that specializes in historical consultation for the arts, the museum said.

(In a scene of fighting in Iraq in 2001, the creators placed a tin of smokeless tobacco in one soldier's back pocket and a dog tag in another's boot. Morando said real soldiers were asked, "Hey, what are we missing?")

The World War I tableau depicts a group of American soldiers, or

doughboys, as they were called, in pursuit of fleeing but unseen German soldiers.

The yanks, men from the 140th Infantry Regiment, are clad in olive drab uniforms, with packs, canteens and entrenching shovels. They wear leg wrappings and hobnail boots.

They are placed in a circular room where battle images will be projected on the walls. As the projection system is tested,

**'Everybody here has been life cast. We take a mold off their body and their faces and their hands, and then we have to assemble and build it.'**

**B.J. Ervick**  
production director

them. The team realized that one soldier, where he was first placed, would block a small part of the wall projection.

Museum specialist Sara Bowen asked, "Can we dig anything?" to get the figure lower?

"Hang tight, guys," Ervick said. "Everybody hang tight."

He disappeared for a moment and returned with a hammer and chisel. He gouged a small indentation in the concrete surface. The figure was maneuvered there and is out of the field of projection.

"Looks good," Morando said. "Looks real good."

But another figure who is running looked as if he should be moved closer to the shell hole. "Because his next step is going to be inside the hole," Morando said. He studied the scene, and the soldier was moved.

Occasionally, the figures are laid down on blankets, looking as if they had been killed in the fight. They are adjusted and moved around the scene until Morando is fairly satisfied.

"Do you feel that we can mark (the places for) these figures?" Ervick asked.

Morando said places for three of the five could be marked.

"We have to worry about where their lighting is, where electric is, how all the scenic is and ... the story they're trying to tell," Ervick said during a break in the work.

"They're trying to tell this story of a no-man's-land battle World War I scene," he said.

"This is an immersion scene,



JAHN CHIRWENDU/The Washington Post

**Above: Justin Kendall, of StudioEIS, works on the World War I tableau at the museum. Below: Jay Baker works around the installation pieces on the tableau.**



**Workers with StudioEIS install figures of U.S. soldiers.**

which means that the whole gallery is going to be like you feel like you just walked into it. They're going to have video and sounds and lights and all kinds of rumbles and things like that."

Once Morando is happy with the figures' placement in the scene, "we bolt them down to the ground," Ervick said.

While all the work is aimed at authenticity, the men depicted and the scene itself are make-believe.

Another element of the tableau, just across the visitor walkway, is truly authentic. The Renault FT

17 tank, shrouded in an opaque protective cover, is one that actually fought in the bloody battle, the museum says.

Small by modern standards, the "Five of Hearts" still bears the scars from the Meuse-Argonne, which claimed 26,000 American lives and was the deadliest battle in U.S. history.

Manned by Americans, the tank has 1,300 bullet holes in its armor, the museum says, and one bullet that is still lodged in the tread from the titanic fight more than a century ago.

## US agrees to pay \$11.5M to settle Navy suit hospital suit

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The federal government has agreed to pay \$11.5 million to settle a medical negligence lawsuit by a Virginia couple involving the birth of their son five years ago at a military hospital on Guam.

A federal judge on Friday approved the monetary settlement to help the parents care for their child, who suffers severe and permanent brain damage.

The Virginian-Pilot, of Norfolk, Va., reported that Deardre and Daniel Bebeau Sr. — Navy petty officers living in Virginia Beach — sued for malpractice after their son was born in 2014 at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Guam. They were stationed there at the time.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney for Eastern Virginia — who defended the government — declined to comment.

Court documents show defense attorneys stressed there was no admission of wrongdoing.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Taliban in Moscow after Trump calls talks 'dead'

By KATHY GANNON  
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Associated Press

MOSCOW — A negotiating team from the Taliban arrived Friday in Russia, a representative told The Associated Press, just days after President Donald Trump declared dead a deal with the insurgent group in Afghanistan.

Russian state news agency Tass cited the Taliban's Qatar-based spokesman, Suhail Shaheen, as saying the delegation had held consultations with Zamir Kabulov, President Vladimir Putin's envoy for Afghanistan. The visit was confirmed to the AP by a Taliban official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

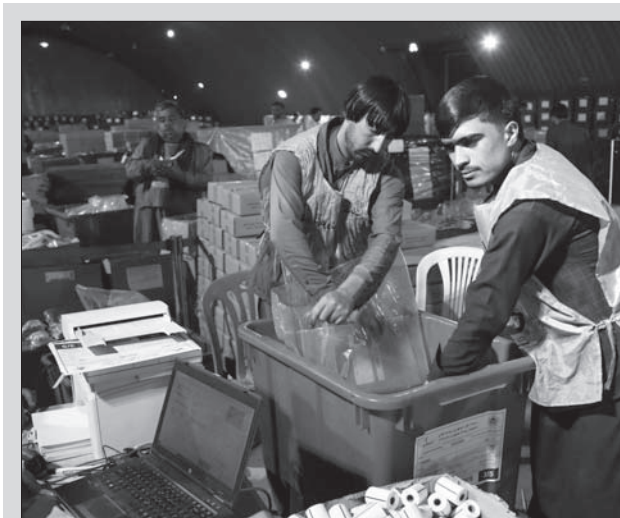
The Interfax news agency cited an unidentified Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the meeting in Russia underlined the necessity of renewing talks between the U.S. and the Taliban, and that the Taliban confirmed their readiness to continuing dialogue with Washington.

It was the Taliban's first international visit following the collapse of talks with Washington. The team was being led by Mullah Sher Mohammad Stanikzai.

"This is a notable development, as it suggests the Taliban wants to underscore its continued interest in dialogue, even after President Trump pulled the plug on the U.S.-Taliban talks," said Michael Kugelmann, deputy director of the Asia Program at the Washington-based Wilson Center.

"And how striking that the insurgents have chosen to telegraph a message of conciliation by engaging with Moscow, a key U.S. rival that has made great efforts to deepen ties with the Taliban in recent months."

In a tweet, Trump had called off negotiations and canceled a meeting he said he wanted to have with Afghan government leaders and the Taliban at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland.



Election commission workers Sunday prepare ballot boxes and election materials for the presidential election scheduled for Sept. 28. Afghan officials say around 100,000 members of the country's security forces are ready for polling day.

## Afghan officials: Troops ready for polling day

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan officials say around 100,000 members of the country's security forces are ready for polling day. The presidential election is scheduled for Sept. 28.

Nasrat Rahimi, spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said Sunday that 72,000 security personnel will be on duty around the 4,942 polling centers across Afghanistan while nearly 30,000 additional troops will serve as reserve units.

Defense Ministry spokesman Rohullah Ah-

madzai said security forces have recently taken back eight districts from the Taliban and that operations are underway to secure around 20 others.

Last week, President Donald Trump abruptly called off negotiations with the Taliban, who control or hold sway over nearly half of Afghanistan.

The elections were widely expected to be delayed under any U.S.-Taliban deal. The Afghan government had been shut out of those negotiations.

Shaheen told the Taliban's official website Tuesday that the group was still communicating with U.S. negotiators, at least to find out what to do next.

The Taliban shura, or leadership council, opposed its negotiators going to Camp David and admonished those who had accepted U.S. peace envoy Zalmay

Khalilzad's invitation that was extended at the end of August.

Shaheen was quoted on the website as saying the Camp David visit was delayed, saying

the Taliban wanted the agreement signed and witnessed by foreign ministers of several countries, including Russia. He said the Taliban also wanted Qatar to announce the agreement before any Camp David meeting.

Moscow has been accused of aiding the Taliban as a safeguard against a burgeoning Islamic State affiliate that has close ties to the Islamic Movement of Afghanistan, a militant group in Central Asia. Russia has stepped up its defenses in Central Asia and has claimed thousands of ISIS fighters were in northern Afghanistan.

Moscow has twice this year hosted meetings between the Taliban and prominent Afghan personalities.

While Washington has been seeking an exit to its longest war, the Taliban are at their strongest since their ouster in 2001 and hold sway over areas of the country, staging near-daily, deadly attacks across Afghanistan.

Khalilzad's yearlong peace mission has been Washington's most dedicated push for peace, focusing not just on the Taliban, Afghanistan's government and prominent Afghan powerbrokers but also on Pakistan and Russia, as well as Iran, which has trained Afghan fighters known as the Fatimayoun Brigade that fought alongside Iran's Revolutionary Guard in Syria.

Khalilzad has focused his efforts on regional players almost as much as on the Taliban and Afghan government interlocutors.

Earlier this year, the U.S. released a statement signed by the U.S., China and Russia supporting Khalilzad's peace efforts that called not just for an agreement on U.S. and NATO troop withdrawal and Taliban anti-terrorism guarantees, but also a promise for intra-Afghan talks in which Afghans would decide the fate of their country as well as the terms of a cease-fire.

## Turkey says Russia delivered parts for second S-400 battery

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey's Defense Ministry says Russia has completed delivery of components for a second battery of the S-400 surface-to-air missile defense system to an airbase in the Turkish capital.

In a statement Sunday, the ministry said it plans to activate the system in April 2020.

Turkey went ahead with the purchase of the Russian-made system despite strong objections

from its NATO ally the United States.

Washington says the missiles are incompatible with the NATO system and pose a threat to the U.S.-led F-35 stealth fighter jet program. It suspended Turkey's participation in the F-35 program and has also threatened sanctions against Ankara.

Russia delivered the first S-400 battery to Murted Air Base in Ankara in July. Shipments resumed in late August.

## Syrian leader issues amnesty, reduces sentences

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian President Bashar Assad issued a decree Sunday granting amnesty and reducing sentences for all crimes committed before Sept. 14, state news agency SANA said.

Similar amnesties have been issued on several occasions — most recently last year — since Syria's crisis began in March 2011.

According to Sunday's pardon, lifelong terms would replace death sentences, a 20-year sentence at hard labor would replace lifelong sentences at hard labor, and a 20-year sentence would replace lifelong sentences.

Prisoners with incurable diseases including cancer would be freed, it said.

The decree stipulated granting a general amnesty

for military deserters who turn themselves in within three months for those inside the country, and six months for those outside the country.

Also Sunday, Assad received Russia's special envoy to Syria, Alexander Lavrentiev, and its deputy foreign minister, Sergey Vershinin, a day before a trilateral summit in Turkey that will include the leaders of Russia, Turkey and Iran in which Syria will be the main focus of talks.

Monday's summit in the Turkish capital of Ankara will be held to discuss the situation in the northwestern province of Idlib that has been under attack by government forces since April 30. A truce has been holding despite some violations since the end of August. Russia and Iran are strong backers of Assad, while Turkey supports the Syrian opposition.

## NATION

# Several hurt when decks collapse at firefighters' event

Associated Press

WILDWOOD, N.J. — Multiple levels of decking attached to a building collapsed Saturday evening at the Jersey Shore, trapping people and injuring several, including children, officials and witnesses said.

The collapse happened about 6 p.m. Saturday in Wildwood, N.J., during the annual New Jersey Firemen's Convention.

It was unclear how many people were on or under the decks at the time, but authorities said those who were trapped were quickly removed.

The annual convention attracts thousands of current and former firefighters to the resort town. Firefighters were likely among those hurt or trapped.

The number of injured was un-

clear, but neighbors said several people required hospitalization. Children were among those injured, a witness said. No deaths were immediately reported.

Photos and video on social media showed firefighters trying to lift a piece of decking. Images showed multiple levels of decking ripped away from the building and reduced to beams and splintered wood.

The decks appeared to have been attached to a three-story building and topped by a fourth-floor overhang. The second and third levels appeared to have pancaked onto a first-floor deck. The overhang looked intact.

Wildwood fire Chief Daniel Spiegel said authorities would not make a statement amid attempts to clean up and investigate.



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First responders work at the scene of a damaged building structure in Wildwood, N.J., on Saturday.

## Over 2,000 fetal remains found in ex-abortion doctor's home

Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — More than 2,000 medically preserved fetal remains have been found at the Illinois home of a former Indiana abortion clinic doctor who died earlier this month, authorities said.

The Will County Sheriff's Office said in a news release late Friday that an attorney for Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's family contacted the coroner's office Thursday about possible fetal remains being found at the home in an unincorporated part of Will County, in northeastern Illinois.

The sheriff's office said authorities found 2,246 preserved fetal remains, but there's no evidence medical procedures were performed at the home.

The coroner's office took possession of the remains, and an investigation is underway.

A message left Saturday seek-

ing additional comment on the discovery was not returned by the sheriff's office investigations department.

Klopfer, who died Sept. 3, was a longtime doctor at an abortion clinic in South Bend, Ind. It closed after the state revoked the clinic's license in 2015. The Indiana State Department of Health had previously issued complaints against the clinic, accusing it of lacking a registry of patients, policies regarding medical abortion and a governing body to determine policies.

The state agency also accused the clinic of failing to document that patients get state-mandated education at least 18 hours before an abortion.

Klopfer was believed to be Indiana's most prolific abortion doctor, with thousands of procedures performed in multiple Indiana counties over several

decades, the South Bend Tribune reported.

Mike Fichter, the president of Indiana Right to Life, said in a statement sent Friday night that



Klopfer

remains have any connection to abortion operations in Indiana.

"These sickening reports underscore why the abortion industry must be held to the highest scrutiny," Fichter said in the statement.

A message left Saturday by The Associated Press for a spokesman for Gov. Eric Holcomb asking if Indiana officials would investigate was not immediately returned.

Klopfer's license was suspended by Indiana's Medical Licensing Board in November 2016 after the panel found a number of violations, including a failure to ensure that qualified staff was present when patients received or recovered from medications given before and during abortion procedures.

Klopfer was no longer practicing by that time, but he told the panel he had never lost a patient in 43 years of doing abortions and that he hoped to eventually reopen his clinics.

In June 2014, Klopfer was charged in St. Joseph County, Ind., with a misdemeanor for failure to file a timely public report. He

was accused of waiting months to report an abortion he provided to a 13-year-old girl in South Bend. That charge was later dropped after Klopfer completed a pre-trial diversion program.

Republican U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., called the discovery of the fetal remains "sickening beyond words" in a statement released by her office.

"He was responsible for thousands of abortions in Indiana, and his careless treatment of human remains is an outrage," she said in her statement.

In May, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld an Indiana law requiring the burial or cremation of fetal remains following abortions in the state. That law was signed by Vice President Mike Pence in 2016, when he was Indiana's governor, but it was the subject of legal challenges.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Law enforcement officials respond to reports of a shooting at Ballston Quarter mall in Arlington, Va., on Saturday.

## Despite panic, no evidence of shooting at movie theater in Va.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Authorities in northern Virginia say they have found no evidence that a shooting occurred at a movie theater that's part of a popular mall.

Reports of a shooting prompted panic and a large police presence Saturday night. The Arlington County Police Department later tweeted that authorities had completed a preliminary search of the theater at the Ballston Quarter mall in Arlington

without finding any evidence that a shooting took place.

As fears over the possibility of a shooting dissipated, many continued to eat and drink inside restaurants and bars in the area.

Police spokeswoman Ashley Savage said police planned to clear and search the whole mall, not just the theater, as a precaution.

Authorities said one person suffered a minor injury while evacuating.



## NATION

# Trump campaign seeking to woo 2016's nonvoters

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Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Ashley Arentz is a political unicorn.

The 28-year-old Marine from Jacksonville, N.C., didn't vote in 2016, and she wasn't even registered to vote in the state.

But there she was last week, standing in line for hours in the 90-degree heat waiting to enter President Donald Trump's rally in Fayetteville. That made her a golden target for the volunteers in day-glow yellow T-shirts working to register new voters.

Arentz said she likes the president because he's "just being straightforward."

She filled out a registration form on the spot.

Less than 14 months before Election Day, the president's team is banking his reelection hopes on identifying and bringing to the polls hundreds of thousands of Trump supporters such as Arentz — people in closely contested states who didn't vote in 2016. The

campaign is betting that it may be easier to make voters out of these electoral rarities than to win over millions of Trump skeptics in the center of the electorate.

It's a risky wager borne of political necessity, and helps explain Trump's provocative communications strategy, from his attacks on the media to his racially polarizing rhetoric. Trump, aides and allies say, knows he needs to fire up his supporters, and anger is a powerful motivator.

"People trying to persuade swing voters are probably wasting their time because nearly all voters have already put their jersey on," said GOP strategist Chris Wilson. "Trump needs to bring more of his fans onto the field."

The Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee have held events geared at reversing an erosion of support for the GOP among women and Latinos. But the central message of the campaign — as delivered by Trump, its de facto chief strategist and spokesman — is targeted at those who already support him.

At campaign rallies such as the one in North Carolina, the Trump campaign, the RNC and an authorized super political action committee work the long lines outside to register voters.

At a February rally in El Paso, Texas, the Trump campaign says, two-thirds of registrants had voted in two or fewer of the previous four federal elections. Before a June rally in Orlando, a geo-targeted digital campaign by a Trump super PAC directed about 3,000 people to the state's voter registration website.

"We know from data gathered from rallies that a significant percentage of rally registrants and attendees have voted infrequently in federal elections, but they are motivated to come out to see President Trump," said Trump campaign communications director Tim Murtuga.

The key for Trump is to find the right nonvoters — those who already support the president. Overall, those who don't vote tend to be younger, nonwhite, less educated and more likely to vote for Democrats than those who



ALAN FRAM/AP

Ashley Arentz waits with Jonathan Ritter to enter a rally President Donald Trump staged on Sept. 9 in Fayetteville, N.C. Arentz said she signed up to vote at the rally. Trump's team is searching for people who back the president but didn't vote in 2016.

regularly cast ballots. A Pew Research Center analysis of survey data found that the composition of registered voters who did not vote in 2016 skewed Democratic vs. Republican, 55% to 41%.

If Trump's strategy is to pay off, his allies have a lot more work to do. Between 2016 and 2018, Michigan counties that backed Trump in 2016 added more than 44,000

people who were eligible to vote, but voter registrations increased by just 622 people.

Trump can't turn out all the eligible voters, and there's no guarantee that those they do reach will vote for Trump. But the president's team is betting that bringing more voters in will pack more of a punch than converting the ball-gone faithful.



SCOTT SONNER/AP

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., campaigns at a town hall meeting at the Carson City Convention Center on Friday in Carson City, Nev. Sanders has canceled some events in order to rest his voice.

## Sanders taking a campaign break to rest strained voice

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is canceling some campaign events to rest his voice.

His campaign said Saturday that Sanders would return home following his appearance Sunday at the College of Charleston's "Bully Pulpit" series. Three campaign events and appearances by the Vermont senator in South Carolina on Monday and Tuesday have been canceled.

Campaign spokesman Mike Casca said that while addressing a rally in Denver last Monday, the senator began to lose his voice. He sounded strained during Thursday night's Democratic debate.

In South Carolina, Sanders had planned to speak at a labor forum, a Monday evening event in Galveston and a Tuesday town hall at Coker University in Hartsville. Casca said Sanders plans to speak at a Tuesday night AFL-CIO summit in Philadelphia.

## Buttigieg looking to make 2020 contest about generational change

By THOMAS BEAUMONT  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Pete Buttigieg would like to turn the fight for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination into a contest about generational change. But there's one looming problem: He has yet to win over his own generation.

His lack of any ample base of support, even among his fellow millennials, is a central challenge of the 37-year-old's long shot bid to rise from mayor of South Bend, Ind., to the nation's highest office. He plays well across a broad spectrum of Democratic voters but in small fragments that have left him an intriguing candidate stuck in single digits in national polls. "You can put out groups of candidates into corners. What corner do you put Pete Buttigieg in?" said J. Ann Selzer, longtime director of the Iowa Poll, produced by The Des Moines Register and its partners.

I think that the combination of characteristics that most define Buttigieg fit him rather uniquely. He appears to be a cluster of one."

As such, he needs to try to leverage that kind of appeal into votes against a field where candidates with clearer ideological positions, such as Sens. Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, and Bernie Sanders, of Vermont, have more

natural core constituencies.

There was hope for Buttigieg in a Register poll in June that showed his overall viability — measuring Iowans listing him as their first or second choice, or merely considering him — closely trailed the survey's top choices: former Vice President Joe Biden, Sanders and Warren.

Biden does better among older voters; Sanders and Warren do better among younger ones. There is no consistent deviation among age groups for Buttigieg, Selzer said.

So far, there is no indication that Buttigieg's next-generation appeal has lifted.

His early summer national buzz, largely the product of his raising a stunning \$25 million in the second quarter, gave him plausibility. He enters the autumn stretch to the February caucuses with as robust an Iowa campaign as almost any of his top tier rivals, with more than 100 staff, plans for 20 offices and an aggressive outreach system.

He does so with his sights squarely fixed on capturing that enduring ideal for Democratic primary voters, a next-generation

prophet looking deep into the future, like virtually every winning Democratic nominee going back 60 years.

"If you look at the history of successful Democratic nominees, they tend to be younger, they tend to be from outside," David Axelrod, a former senior adviser to President Barack Obama said, referring to Obama and Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

"The question is whether the overhang of Donald Trump creates a different environment where people are risk-averse and reaching for comfort and stability."

A July poll by the Pew Research Center found that just 7% of Democratic primary voters nationally under the age of 30 supported Biden, compared with 41% of voters 65 and older. Sanders, on the other hand, drew 24% of his support from the younger group and just 4% from the older segment.

Advisers say that Buttigieg's balanced draw from all age groups in the Pew poll echoes their internal findings in early voting states, and it manifests in Selzer's most recent poll. It reflects his attractiveness to that enduring bloc of the Democratic presidential electorate that has sought a break from the past.

Still, that polling collectively has yet to show support that would propel him into the upper tier of the 2020 pack.



Buttigieg

## NATION



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

**John Bolton's departure last week as national security adviser is tied to differing views with President Donald Trump about Iran, according to a person close to Bolton.**

## Source: Bolton exit tied to views on Iran

BY ANNE GEARAN  
The Washington Post

John Bolton's departure as national security adviser stemmed from a disagreement Sept. 9 over a suggestion from President Donald Trump that the United States might lift some sanctions on Iran as a negotiation tool, a person close to Bolton said Saturday.

Bolton submitted a letter of resignation Tuesday morning, although Trump tweeted that he had fired his top in-house national security aide. Trump cited multiple policy differences with Bolton, and later claimed Bolton had "set us back" in negotiations with North Korea.

Trump did not mention disagreement over Iran sanctions, and the direct link between the president's alleged interest in easing sanctions and his break with Bolton has not been previously reported.

Bolton was a main architect of the administration's "maximum pressure" campaign of escalating economic sanctions and threats of retaliation for Iran's alleged support for terrorism. The idea has been to cripple Iran's economy to the point that its leaders feel they must bargain away any nuclear ambitions and missile technology.

Trump has said he wants to open negotiations with Iran as soon as this month for a deal to replace the 2015 international nuclear agreement he called "horrible" and unfair to the United States.

Bolton has not explained the reasons behind his departure publicly. He told The Washington Post and other news outlets that he had resigned and said the same

on Twitter.

The person close to Bolton spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal administration discussions. The White House declined to comment Saturday.

The breach came just days after Trump abruptly canceled a then-secret plan to hold talks at Camp David with the Taliban insurgents. Bolton had opposed that idea, arguing that Trump could and should move to end the Afghanistan war without bargaining with the insurgents. Since Secretary of State Mike Pompeo oversaw negotiations with the Taliban this year, the outcome had been seen as a victory for Bolton in the two men's rivalry for Trump's ear.

But Trump became angry over what he perceived as an effort by Bolton to go behind his back to get the talks scrapped, current and former administration officials said. People close to Bolton deny that he did any such thing, but Trump's anger had emerged as a likely final straw.

Now it appears that the final straw was the Iran discussion during the meeting among national security Cabinet heads, Bolton and Trump at the White House on Sept. 9.

Trump took much of Bolton's advice during a 17-month tenure but also increasingly displayed irritation over their diverging views on U.S. engagement with Afghanistan, North Korea and Iran.

In each case, Trump wants to broker a deal that he says will improve U.S. safety and reduce U.S. obligations around the world, while Bolton was skeptical of diplomacy with regimes or groups he said cannot be trusted to bargain in good faith.

# Legal showdown looms over subpoena for intel director

## Maguire refusing to turn over whistleblower complaint to House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The acting director of national intelligence is refusing to comply with a subpoena to turn over a whistleblower complaint, setting up a legal showdown between the Trump administration and a House committee.

The House Intelligence Committee chairman told CBS' "Face the Nation" that intelligence chief Joseph Maguire declined to release the complaint because he was instructed not to by a "higher authority" since it involves privileged communications.

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff said no intelligence director has ever refused to turn over a whistleblower complaint to Congress. Schiff said the committee will "do everything necessary" to get the complaint.

The committee is requiring that Maguire testify Thursday unless he complies with the subpoena.

Schiff did not detail the subject of the whistleblower complaint. Schiff said he was aware the intelligence community's inspector general had determined it to be credible and a matter of "urgent concern."

Schiff said Maguire is required to share the complaint with Congress but won't do so, and "this raises serious concerns about whether White House,

Department of Justice or other executive branch officials are trying to prevent a legitimate whistleblower complaint from reaching its intended recipient, the Congress, in order to cover up serious misconduct."

He added that he was concerned that administration officials "are engaged in an unlawful effort to protect the president."

Schiff said the committee learned about the complaint last week.

He said Maguire told the committee in a letter that he was withholding the complaint from the committee "because, in part, it involves confidentially and potentially privileged communications by persons outside the intelligence community."



Schiff

The intelligence panel is conducting a review of former special counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election and obstruction of justice by the White House.

The committee is also investigating President Donald Trump's finances.

## Virginia couples no longer have to disclose race on marriage licenses

BY HANNAH NATANSON  
The Washington Post

Virginia will no longer require couples to identify by race on their marriage licenses, the state's attorney general announced last week.

Under a new policy — which Attorney General Mark Herring detailed in emails to court clerks and members of the media late Friday — people getting married will be able to select "Declined to Answer" in a box asking about race. Herring also told clerks they must issue a marriage license "regardless of an applicant's answer or non-answer to that inquiry."

The new guidance comes about a week after three couples filed a federal lawsuit alleging the required disclosure of race is unconstitutional because it violates the First, 13th and 14th amendments.

"We were happy to help quickly resolve this issue and get these

couples what they asked for," Herring said in his statement.

"These changes will ensure that no Virginian will be forced to label themselves to get married."

The plaintiffs, however, said in interviews Saturday that they do not see the issue as "resolved." Though appreciative of the new guidance, the couples and the lawyer said they plan to continue pressing the case.

"It's a good first step, but as far as we know the case is still going to go forward and we're hoping the judge doesn't declare it moot," said Ashley Ramkishun, one of the plaintiffs. "It doesn't resolve the fact that there's still a law in place in Virginia — the state could change its mind at any point in regards to whether the race question is optional or not."

Victor Glasberg, the couples' lawyer, said in an interview Saturday that he thinks it unlikely the judge, Rossie D. Alston Jr., will seek to dismiss the suit. But if

he does, Glasberg will appeal the dismissal. Glasberg discussed Herring's new instructions with the plaintiffs over the weekend, and none of them want to back out, he said.

Glasberg quoted verbatim the text of the Virginia statute, still on the books, that mandates the disclosure of race. It declares in part that, "for each marriage performed in the Commonwealth, a record showing personal data, including but not limited to age and race of the married parties ... shall be filed with the State Registrar."

Glasberg vowed to continue with the litigation until that law is ruled unconstitutional and stricken from the record.

Herring's guidance "is welcome, it's much appreciated, and it's the right thing to do as an initial response," Glasberg said. "But the statute is obnoxious and ... we need to get rid of the statute."

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## NATION

## Sweetheart of the rodeo, 92, takes stock

Life on the circuit has left West Texas woman with plenty of aches, memories

By RONALD W. ERDRICH

Abilene (Texas) Reporter-News

HAWLEY, Texas — Everybody in this family was a rodeo star, even the steer.

The Abilene Reporter-News reported Bob-Cat Twister — “Bobby” to his fans, was a longhorn who originally showed up at an Oklahoma ranch in a load of bucking steers. It was about 1932 and George Crouch had no interest in him. Bobby was a little too free with his horns, for one thing.

But Monte Reger had an idea, he’d recognized something in that animal.

“When Bobby still was wild and they had him the back of a truck, my dad would watch him,” Virginia Reger recalled. “I mean, you can learn a lot about an animal by watching.”

Whenever a crowd gathered, Bobby would choose that time to take a stroll.

“He would walk around, like he was showing himself off, and lay out there and look around at the people,” Virginia said. “He got to where he liked the crowd.”

If there wasn’t a crowd, Bobby wasn’t leaving the truck. Not even to eat.

That gave Monte an idea.

“That’s when he began to say that steer was smarter than we thought he was,” Virginia said of her father. “We can teach him something.”

Lured to California by the movie industry, Virginia recalled they found themselves at a barbecue restaurant, one of the first drive-ins. Monte would sit on Bobby, who stood with his front hooves on an overturned barrel, and attract customers to the eatery. On occasion, a singing cowboy might join them.

But that wasn’t his entire repertoire. Monte trained the steer to leap over cars, selling autographed postcards of the stunt at 5 cents each.

“It was just something we did,” Virginia said, nonchalantly.

When she was 9, Virginia decided to be a trick rider. She liked horses, but that wasn’t her main reason.

“I just wanted the pretty clothes,” she said. “My mother said, ‘I’ll make you something pretty if you learn to do that.’”

Virginia learned how to trick ride in the rodeo company employing her father. She would stand on the horse as it ran, hang from the back of the saddle, and vault with her feet hitting the ground while holding the saddle horn. Then bounce back up.

There were the falls, of course.

Now 92, Virginia’s posture illustrates the wear a lifetime of rodeo performing can have on a body. In 2017, author Elaine Fields Smith published “Ridin’, Roarin’ & Jumpin’ Over Cars: The Biography of Virginia Reger.”

“I took a lot [of] falls; that just happens,” Virginia said. “It didn’t hurt. You just get up, brush off and go back to work.”

It’s also been a life of honor. In 2007 she was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboys’ Hall of Fame for her 40 years as a performer.

As a child, Virginia’s mother, Opal, turned the world into a classroom.

“My mother loved talking to local people, finding out how they lived in their town,” Virginia recalled.

Opal would drive the car with her two daughters, Virginia and Dixie. Monte and his son, Bud, rode in the truck with the livestock.



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Mark Hadley looks at a photograph with his mother, Virginia Reger, in Hawley, Texas. Reger is a retired rodeo trick rider.



Hadley holds a lampshade made from old photos of Reger, right, during her time in the rodeo.

“I can remember, she would tell us all this stuff whether we wanted to hear it or not,” Virginia said.

When Virginia had to pass a high school proficiency exam, the teacher sent her to the principal’s office because her score was too good.

“She thought I’d cheated because I finished so fast and nothing was wrong,” Virginia said. “But see, I knew it from the things my mother was telling me, and I just wrote that down.”

In 1950, she married her first husband, rodeo announcer Tom Hadley, and they had two sons, Mat and Mark. These days, Virginia lives next door to Mark.

But if you think having children stopped her from performing, you would be wrong.

“Oh, no. Within six weeks I was back trick riding,” she said. “It was little tougher

than I thought. But mentally, it’s what I had to do. It never occurred to me to quit.”

Mark Hadley was 2 when his mother brought him into the act. When he was about 4, he stepped into the rodeo arena on cue, but then walked right past Virginia, his gaze transfixed on a distant point.

“Where are you going?” Virginia asked and Mark sheepishly turned around.

Tom was announcing that night, he made a remark over the loudspeaker and the entire audience got up to crane their heads to see for themselves what had captured the little cowboy’s attention.

“It was cartoons,” Virginia said, laughing. “I just quit trick roping for a little bit, and we all looked at the movie.”

Then there was the time in 1957 when his brother Mat, a few years older, performed with his mother in Mexico City at the Auditorio de Nacional. The little boy, his eyes

momentarily dazzled by a spotlight in his face, turned his back when presented to the seated dignitary, the president of Mexico who at that time was Adolfo Ruiz Cortines.

Apparently, turning your back on El Presidente during the show was a severe breach of protocol.

“The president asked, or rather demanded, that I bring that child up to him,” Virginia said. Guards marched Mat up to Cortines who then interrogated him.

“Why’d you turn your back on me?” Virginia didn’t like El Presidente’s tone, it was getting her dander up.

“I thought if he turns and hits him, I’m liable to hit him back,” she said. “I didn’t know what was going to happen.”

Mat simply replied, “The light was in my eyes.”

El Presidente burst out laughing and then suddenly, it was all good.

But that wasn’t their only Latin American adventure. In the mid-1950s, in the midst of Castro’s revolution, the rodeo also made it to Cuba.

“We had guards around us a lot, and Gene Autry was over there too,” she said.

The entire rodeo had come, performers and stock.

The tension was real, and Virginia recalled being suddenly moved from one hotel to another with even more guards. But if Cuba was destined to fail, it was during their show the rodeo family saw why.

“The Clark brothers had their cannon, it was set in under a stairwell, and some idiot got in there fooling with it and set off the little bomb,” Virginia said. “The firecracker scared the guards; they threw their guns up and ran out!”

It wasn’t the end of the show, however. Or at least, the unplanned one.

“That’s when Gene Autry ran out of the dressing room adjoining mine,” she said, laughing. “And he ran out in boots, hat, shirt and his shorts.”



## NATION

# Sotomayer, Fonda among Women's Hall of Fame inductees

By CAROLYN THOMPSON  
Associated Press

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, actress Jane Fonda and attorney Gloria Allred were among the inductees at the National Women's Hall of Fame on Saturday.

The Class of 2019 inducted into the hall in upstate New York also included activist Angela Davis, attorney Sarah Deer, fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg, retired Air Force fighter pilot Nicole Malachowski, the late artist and suffragist Rose O'Neill and the late U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter of New York.

Composer Laurie Spiegel was honored for her electronic music compositions, and molecular biologist Flossie Wong-Staal for work that helped prove HIV is the cause of AIDS.

Davis, a onetime leader of the Black Panther Party and the Communist Party USA who was prosecuted for her alleged involvement in a 1970 courthouse shootout and ultimately acquitted, said her activism was not hers alone.

"At each significant turning point in my life, when I was introduced to the world of progressive political activism, anti-racist prison abolition struggles, when I myself was on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List and ended up spending two years in jail and on trial, when I became involved in many international solidarity efforts, intersectional feminist movements, I've always been one of many," Davis said in accepting her award. "My own consciousness has been enabled always by shared endeavors and collective consciousness."

The hall in Seneca Falls, where a landmark U.S. women's rights convention took place in 1848, doesn't identify a theme when it calls for nominations, said induction chairwoman Sujatha Ra-

manujan. But she said sometimes a theme emerges, as it has this year, that reflects the political and social mood of the country.

"It shows up in the nominations because we ask the general public," Ramanujan said. "And in a time when women are feeling like their voices need to be heard, they're nominating women whose voices were loud."

She pointed particularly to



Fonda



Allred

— to the women's rights pioneers who came before me," said Allred, who at 78 continues to represent accusers in high-profile sexual misconduct cases including those against the late financier Jeffrey Epstein and movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

"We still have more battles to fight in this war against women," Allred, citing the decades-long push to ratify the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the constitution, said in a telephone interview.

Fonda's selection led the Seneca Falls town supervisor to



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**U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor was among the National Women's Hall of Fame honorees in Seneca Falls, N.Y. She is the third woman and the first Latina justice to serve on the Supreme Court.**



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**Air Force Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, right, is seen with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in 2010. Malachowski, the first woman to fly for the Air Force's elite Thunderbirds team, was among 10 women inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame this year.**

threaten to pull funding from the site. Greg Lazzaro wrote in a resolution, which did not pass, that Fonda's activism during the Vietnam War "brought divisiveness to our country."

The actress drew bitter criti-

cism after being photographed atop an anti-aircraft gun during a 1972 visit to North Vietnam, a moment she has said she regrets.

"There's always going to be dissent," Ramanujan said, recalling past pickets and protests, includ-

ing surrounding the induction of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger in 1981. She said that Fonda is being honored for a lifetime of achievement and that the hall stands by the selection.

"We don't cull the list because of protest," Ramanujan said. "We do also respect that people have different opinions, and we mean no disrespect to anyone."

Fonda could not be reached to comment before the induction. She told The Associated Press last year that she welcomes her encounters with Vietnam War veterans because they provide an opportunity to talk.

After being nominated by the public, the inductees are chosen by a panel of experts based on their contributions in arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy or science. A new class is inducted every other year.

This year, former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson, a former Miss America who helped eliminate the pageant's swimsuit competition, was the master of ceremonies.

## Former 'The Wire' actor escapes Baltimore police custody

By MEREDITH COHN  
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The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Baltimore police are searching for a former actor on "The Wire" who they say escaped from custody after he was taken to a hospital for a check.

Christopher Clanton Sr., 33, was arrested Sept. 12 in North-east Baltimore for violating a protective order, according to police.

Someone first sought the order against Clanton in July and a judge issued a final order this

month, according to court records. Clanton also has three pending criminal cases, according to the records.

He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital because of a pre-existing medical condition before being taken to Central Booking to be processed, police said. He left the hospital Friday.

On "The Wire," Clanton played Savino Bratton, a recurring character who appeared in nine episodes in the first and fifth seasons of former Baltimore Sun reporter David Simon's HBO show about

crime in Baltimore. Clanton was also an extra in a Simon's earlier show "The Corner."

In the early hours of Saturday morning, Clanton posted his own account of his alleged escape on Facebook. In the post, from 2:13 a.m., Clanton wrote that he saw the officer guarding him using cocaine and the officer threatened to plant a gun on him.

Police spokesman Donny Moses said Saturday that Clanton had not turned himself in and that he was not familiar with the Facebook post or its allegation

about the officer.

In a private message, Clanton told The Baltimore Sun that the chain of events leading up to his arrest began early this month when his son's mother was arrested and jailed. Clanton said he had been trying to get police to help him track down his son but was arrested when he went to the block that is listed as his son's mother's address in court records.

The day before Clanton's arrest he had filed a motion for an emergency hearing in an open

child custody case in which he was named, court records show.

The post on his Facebook page says: "BALTIMORE CITY REFUSES TO GIVE A STABLE MAN HIS SON."

Clanton said he was able to simply slip out of the hospital and walk away about 10:30 a.m. Friday.

In the public post, Clanton said he was going to turn himself in. But another post later at 10:21 a.m. Saturday responding to a question about him turning himself, he said: "I aint doin't that."

## NATION



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MARK MINKO, THE HARTFORD (CONN.) COURANT/AP

Left: Miguel Roman, center, hugs a corrections officer at Superior Court in Hartford, Conn., in July 2011 after Pedro Miranda was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of Roman's girlfriend, Carmen Lopez. Roman served almost two decades in prison for her killing before being freed in 2008 based on DNA evidence. Right: Innocence Project lawyer Vanessa Potkin, left, hugs Alfred Swinton in Superior Court in Hartford, Conn., in June 2017. Swinton served almost two decades in prison for the 1991 killing of Carla Terry before he was cleared, also based on DNA evidence. Both men were wrongly convicted based in part on the testimony of jailhouse informants.

# New laws crack down on jailhouse informants

By DAVE COLLINS  
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A movement to put jailhouse informants under a more powerful microscope before they testify is gaining traction around the country, a by-product of new DNA testing technology that has exonerated dozens of people wrongly locked up based on informants' lies.

Several states have moved to toughen regulations on the use of such informants, whose credibility has always been an issue because they're motivated to get their sentences reduced.

The new rules include requiring pretrial hearings on whether prisoners' testimony should be allowed and forcing prosecutors to disclose any deals with informants as well as their history of testifying in other cases.

In Connecticut, Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont signed a wide-ranging bill in July that will create the nation's first statewide system to track the use of jailhouse informants, including any benefits offered in exchange for their testimony.

"We're really seeing the issue start to gain momentum around the country," said Rebecca Brown, policy director for New York-based Innocence Project, which works to exonerate the wrongly convicted. "Jailhouse informant testimony is one of the leading factors in wrongful convictions."

Of the 365 people exonerated nationwide by DNA evidence, nearly 1 in 5 were convicted based in part on lying informants, according to the Innocence Project.

Federal court rulings and the Constitution require prosecutors to turn over certain information about witnesses, including exculpatory evidence favorable to the defense. But civil liberties advocates say new laws are needed to specify exactly what kind of information must be disclosed, including key details about informants.

While prosecutors agree there needs to be skepticism about jailhouse informants, they say such witnesses offer crucial, truthful information that helps bring perpetrators to justice in many cases. Some worry new informant laws take witness credibility determinations out of the hands of juries and leave it to judges to decide before cases even go to trial.

Fellow inmates were key in bringing down Connecticut serial killer William Howell, who is serving a life sentence for killing seven people in 2003. One of Howell's cellmates, convicted killer of four Jonathan Mills, told authorities that Howell talked about the killings and where he buried the victims.

It's not clear if Mills, also serving life in prison, received any benefits for providing the information. Officials have said inmates were among several people who applied for the \$150,000 reward in Howell's case, but the prisoners' names haven't been disclosed for their own safety.

## Bogus testimony

Advocates for Connecticut's new law cited the DNA-based exonerations of two men — Alfred Swinton and Miguel Roman — who were freed after they both spent about two decades in state prison for killings they did not commit. Bogus testimony by prisoners about confessions played roles in both cases.

The informants in the Swinton and Roman cases both denied on the witness stand that they were getting any benefits for their testimony. But the Swinton informant was ultimately released from prison early, and the Roman informant had several of his pending charges dismissed, defense lawyers said.

Connecticut's new law also requires judges to hold a pretrial hearing, if requested by the defense, on whether an informant's testimony is reliable and admissible.

In November, Illinois lawmakers overrode a veto by then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, a Republican, and approved one of the nation's toughest tests for allowing testimony by jailhouse informants.

It requires judges to make pretrial inquiries into the veracity of prisoners' testi-

mony before allowing or barring it.

One of the advocates for the Illinois law was James Kluppelberg, 54, who was exonerated after spending 25 years in prison for setting a fire in Chicago that killed a woman and her five children in 1984. A jailhouse informant who implicated Kluppelberg four years after the fire later recanted his story and admitted he testified to reduce his potential prison time to criminal charges he was facing.

"I was floored," Kluppelberg told The Associated Press. "I was stunned over the fact that they believed him. It was a shock to the system."

"I lost 25 years of my life because of his testimony," the Illinois native said. "I didn't get to see my three children grow up. I did not get to go to my mother's funeral. I did not get to see my sisters grow up. All these things were stolen from me."

Kluppelberg, who was freed in 2012, said he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder from being in prison.

"Nobody should ever have to suffer what I went through if it's preventable," he said. "If [the law] even stops it from happening to one person, it's worth its weight in gold."

## New requirements

Nebraska lawmakers and Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts approved a new jailhouse informant law in April. It requires prosecutors to tell defense lawyers any benefits they offer to prisoners, other cases in which they testified and any cases where they recanted testimony, among other information.

Wrongful convictions also led Texas lawmakers to toughen the rules on jailhouse informants in 2017. The state's law requires prosecutors to keep records on the use of jailhouse informants and any deals they get because of their testimony.

It also mandates prosecutors release certain information about informants to defense lawyers.

Although Texas and other states are now tracking the use of informants, county prosecutors are keeping the records and only Connecticut will be keeping a statewide system, Innocence Project lawyers said. One problem, they said, is prosecutors in one county may not know about an informant's testimony in other counties.

Prosecutors in Oklahoma and Florida must also disclose information on jailhouse informants to defense lawyers under rulings by state appellate courts.

Several states, including California, Connecticut, Oklahoma and Utah, further require juries to be given instructions that jailhouse informants' testimony must receive greater scrutiny.

The use of imprisoned informants also has come under more scrutiny because of a scandal in Orange County, Calif., where federal authorities continue to investigate allegations that county officials illegally used prisoners to try to get incriminating information from defendants awaiting trial — in violation of the defendants' right to have their lawyer present. County authorities have repeatedly denied the existence of such an operation.

The investigation stemmed from questions about the county's use of informants raised five years ago by a public defender representing Scott Dekraai, now serving a life sentence for killing eight people at a hair salon in Seal Beach, Calif. Improper use of an informant in Dekraai's case led a judge to eliminate the death penalty as a possible punishment for the killings.

The county's misuse of jailhouse informants has likely tainted the cases of nearly 150 other defendants and has led to several retrials, according to civil liberties advocates.

"If we have to have informants, there should be very specific and enforceable guidelines on when you can use them and what you have to disclose," said Somil Trivedi, a senior staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which sued Orange County over its use of informants. The lawsuit was dismissed on technical grounds, but the ACLU is appealing.

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**James Kluppelberg**

exonerated after serving 25 years in prison for arson

## NATION

# The new drug lord

## How a millennial built a fentanyl empire

BY CLAIRE GALOFARO  
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Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The pills arrived in thousands of mailboxes across the country, round and blue, with the markings of pharmaceutical-grade oxycodone stamped into the surface.

Prosecutors would later call them “poison” — counterfeits containing fentanyl, a potent synthetic opioid that has written a deadly new chapter in the American opioid epidemic. They were shipped from the suburbs of Salt Lake City.

That’s where a clean-cut college dropout named Aaron Shamo, 29, made himself a multimillion-dollar drug operation, which he ran out of his basement in suburban Salt Lake City. Below: Money found in Shamo’s home was used as evidence.

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Above: Fentanyl-laced fake oxycodone pills are collected during the investigation into Aaron Shamo’s multimillion-dollar drug operation, which he ran out of his basement in suburban Salt Lake City. Below: Money found in Shamo’s home was used as evidence.



A pill press also was located in Shamo's home.



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A man wears protective gear during a drug raid on Shamo's home on Nov. 22, 2016, in Cottonwood Heights, Utah.

will contend that their mass marketing of prescription painkillers sparked an epidemic.

The crisis began in the 1990s as prescription opioids paved the road to heroin, which led to fentanyl. It has killed tens of thousands of Americans since it appeared on the streets in 2013.

There are two sources of supply: Mexican cartels and packages shipped direct from China, where it is produced in a huge and



Shamo

under-regulated chemical sector. There are many upstart dealers like Shamo, officials say.

Seizure data shows trafficking quickly expanding worldwide. In 2013, four countries reported fentanyl seizures; by 2016, 16 countries.

It is so potent, so easy to transport, large-scale traffickers no longer require sophisticated networks, said Mike Vigil, former chief of international operations for the Drug Enforcement Administration. All they need is a mailbox, internet access and people



Crandall

with an appetite for opioids. And consumption rates are rising from Asia to Europe to Latin America as pharmaceutical companies promote painkillers abroad.



Paz

\$1 million.

“Any moron can basically become a major drug kingpin by dealing in fentanyl,” Vigil said. “You can have somebody with an IQ minus 100 who becomes an overnight multimillionaire.”

By the time a seized package heading from China to Utah led investigators to Shamo, he had already made at least \$38,946 potentially poisonous pills, the gov-

ernment said. They found \$1.2 million stuffed in his sock drawer and in a safe, plus more tied up in online cryptocurrencies.

Shamo built his drug trafficking organization initially with his longtime friend, Drew Crandall.

The pair allegedly began by selling Adderall, prescribed for attention deficit disorder, on the dark web — a wild, unregulated layer of the internet reached through a special browser. There are underground marketplaces where guns and drugs are traded and money is exchanged anonymously through cryptocurrencies. They expanded — peddling the club drug MDMA, magic mushrooms, date rape drugs, cocaine — all while barely having to leave the house. They bought a pill press and manufactured fake Xanax, the anti-anxiety medication.

Then a local drug dealer suggested to Shamo he'd make a fortune selling fake oxycodone made with fentanyl. Crandall left the country, and Shamo allegedly recruited another friend, Jonathan Luke Paz, to help him press oxycodone.

He sold pills both to individual users and drug dealers, who then sold the pills on the street. When police intercepted one single day's shipment, it contained 34,828 fentanyl pills destined for homes in 26 states. Some were advertised on the dark web as fentanyl, but others weren't, purporting instead to be 30 milligrams of oxycodone.

Federal prosecutors allege dozens of his customers died, though charged him only in connection with one death: Ruslan Klyuev, 21, who died in his bedroom in Daly City, Calif., with the envelope that delivered the pills from Utah near his feet.

Crandall and Shamo's other partners and packagers pleaded guilty, agreed to testify against their friend and hoped for mercy.

Shamo was convicted of 12 counts, including continuing criminal enterprise, the so-called “kingpin charge” that is typically reserved for drug lords like “El Chapo” and carries a mandatory life sentence. The jury deadlocked on the 13th count, the death of Klyuev.

Experts warn the fentanyl trade is expanding. The day Shamo was convicted, a single dark web marketplace had thousands of listings claiming to be oxycodone. There was no way to tell whether they originated in a pharmacy or somebody's basement.

“Pharma-grade A+,” one of the listings promised. “24-hour shipping!”

Any moron can basically become a major drug kingpin by dealing in fentanyl. **▶**

Mike Vigil

former chief of international operations for the Drug Enforcement Administration



## WORLD

# Hong Kong protesters defy ban; violence erupts

BY EILEEN NG  
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police fired chemical-laced blue water and tear gas at protesters who lobbed Molotov cocktails outside the Hong Kong government office complex Sunday as violence flared anew after thousands of pro-democracy supporters marched through downtown in defiance of a police ban.

A mixed crowd of hardcore protesters in black and wearing masks, along with families with children, spilled into the roads of the Causeway Bay shopping belt and marched for more than 1.2 miles to the central business district. Some waved U.S. and British flags, while others carried posters reiterating their calls for democratic reforms.

Police had turned down a request by the Civil Human Rights Front to hold the march but the demonstrators were undeterred, as they've been all summer.

"I feel this is our duty. The government wants to block us with the ban, but I want to say that the people will not be afraid," said

one protester, Winnie Leung, 50. The march disrupted traffic, and many shops, including the Sogo department store in Causeway Bay, one of Hong Kong's largest department stores, closed their doors.

Protesters burned Chinese flags and tore down banners congratulating China's ruling Communist Party, which will celebrate its 70th year in power on Oct. 1. In familiar scenes, some protesters smashed glass windows and surveillance cameras at a subway station exit.

Hundreds of protesters later targeted the government office complex, throwing bricks and gasoline bombs through police barriers.

Police responded by firing volleys of tear gas and using water cannon trucks to spray chemical-laced water as well as blue liquid that helped them identify offenders in a repeat of confrontational scenes from the last several weeks of the protests.

Protesters retreated but regrouped in the nearby Wan Chai neighborhood, setting fires outside a subway station exit and on



KIN CHEUNG/AP

**An anti-government protester throws back a tear gas canister fired by the police during a demonstration near the Central Government Complex in Hong Kong on Sunday.**

the streets. They fled again after riot police advanced, and the cat-and-mouse battles went on for a few hours before calm returned.

Police fired tear gas again later in the nearby North Point area after protesters obstructed traffic

after brawling there earlier with pro-government supporters.

Hospital authorities said eight people were injured throughout the day, including three in serious condition.

The protests were triggered

in June by an extradition bill that many saw as an example of China's increasing intrusion and at chipping away at Hong Kong residents' freedoms and rights, many of which are not accorded to people in mainland China.

## Attack: Houthi leader al-Bukhaiti reiterates his group's claim of responsibility

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and Iran shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone.

The attack Saturday on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq plant and its Khurais oil field led to the interruption of an estimated 5.7 million barrels of the kingdom's crude oil production per day, equivalent to more than 5% of the world's daily supply.

It remains unclear how King Salman and his assertive son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, will respond to an attack targeting what analysts describe as the heart of the Saudi oil industry.

Late Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo directly

blamed Iran for the Saudi attack on Twitter, without offering evidence to support his claim.

"Amid all the calls for de-escalation, Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply," Pompeo wrote. "There is no evidence the attacks came from Yemen."

The U.S., Western nations, their Gulf Arab allies and U.N. experts say Iran supplies the Houthis with weapons and drones — a charge that Tehran denies.

U.S. officials previously alleged at least one recent drone attack on Saudi Arabia came from Iraq, where Iran backs Shiite militias. Those militias in recent weeks have been targeted themselves by mysterious airstrikes, with at

least one believed to have been carried out by Israel.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Sunday dismissed Pompeo's remarks as "blind and futile comments."

"The Americans adopted the 'maximum pressure' policy against Iran, which, due to its failure, is leaning towards 'maximum lies,'" Mousavi said in a statement.

Separately, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's office issued a statement Sunday denying the drone attack came from there. Iraq "abides by its constitutions that prevents the use of its lands to launch aggressions against neighboring countries,"

the statement said.

Houthi leader Muhammad al-Bukhaiti reiterated his group's claim of responsibility Sunday, telling The Associated Press it exploited "vulnerabilities" in Saudi air defenses to strike the targets. He did not elaborate.

Iran, meanwhile, kept up with its own threats Sunday, as well. Hajizadeh, the Guard brigadier general who leads its aerospace program, gave an interview published across Iranian media that discussed Iran's downing of the U.S. drone in July. He said Guard forces were ready for a counterattack if America responded, naming the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar and Al-Dhafra Air Base near Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emir-

ates as immediate targets, as well as Navy ships in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea.

"Wherever they are, it only takes one spark and we hit their vessels, their air bases, their troops," he said in a video published online with English subtitles.

It wasn't just Iranians making threats. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican close to President Donald Trump, suggested retaliatory strikes targeting Iran.

"Iran will not stop their misbehavior until the consequences become more real, like attacking their refineries, which will break the regime's back," Graham wrote on Twitter.

## Cleanup resumes in Bahamas as storm passes

BY DANICA COTO  
Associated Press

MCLEAN'S TOWN, Bahamas — Jeffrey Roberts lifted a mustard-yellow curtain from the ground to hunt for passports and other documents at the place where his family's home stood before Hurricane Dorian blasted into Grand Bahama Island.

What was under the curtain was sodden and unrecognizable. He shuffled across a white tile floor, the only clear sign this had once been a house, and found a pair of rusty old pliers, only to toss them in frustration. They clattered across the tiles, breaking the silence that had enveloped the fishing community of McLean's Town.

Roberts was one of thousands

of people beginning to return to salvage what few scraps they can from the devastation of Dorian, even as the dark storm clouds of Tropical Storm Humberto hovered above as a reminder that the storm season has not yet passed.

"We got to take what God gives us," Roberts said.

In this case, at least, that was a break. Humberto narrowly missed the island over the weekend and was projected to curve north and then northeast, staying well off of Florida's east coast.

By late Sunday morning, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm was located about 180 miles north-northwest of Great Abaco Island and was moving at 7 mph north-northwest with maximum sustained winds of 65

mph. It was still rousing gusty winds across the northwestern Bahamas.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said it would likely become a hurricane by Sunday night but would remain far from the Bahamas and the U.S. coast by the time it reaches that strength.

The storm briefly shuttered a couple of small airports, sent people in damaged homes to seek shelter and threatened to interrupt the distribution of sorely needed supplies, including food and water.

As the storm passed, however, Roberts and others were already returning to the task at hand: resuming their cleanup and recovery efforts in communities such as McLean's Town devastated



RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

**Jeffrey Roberts, 49, eats a plate of food while searching through the rubble of his relatives' home that was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian in Pelican Point, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, on Saturday.**

by Hurricane Dorian two weeks ago.

The islands' official death toll from the hurricane remained at 50, and the number of missing

at an alarming 1,300 people, although officials cautioned the list is preliminary and many people could just be unable to connect with loved ones.

## WORLD



PAUL ZINKEN, DPA/AP

Holocaust survivor Helga Melmed attends an event in Berlin on Wednesday celebrating the 50th anniversary of a program for people expelled and persecuted by the Nazis and bringing tens of thousands of them back to their home city for one-week trips.

## Berlin celebrates postwar visitor reconciliation program for Jews

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Berlin was the last place Helga Melmed had expected to see again. She was 14 when the Nazis forced her and her family onto a train from their home in the German capital to the Jewish ghetto in Lodz, Poland, in 1941.

That started a gruesome odyssey that later saw her imprisoned at Auschwitz and Neuengamme, outside Hamburg, before she was finally freed by British soldiers in 1945 from Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany, a 46-pound walking skeleton.

For years, she never considered returning to Germany, until she was invited on a trip by the city of her birth as part of a reconciliation program meant to help mend ties with former Berliners who had been forced out by the Nazis.

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the program has successfully brought people like Melmed on one-week trips to Berlin to reacquire themselves with the city. Some 35,000 people have accepted the invitation since it was first issued in 1969, and while the numbers are dwindling, a few new participants still come every year.

"I thought I'd never come back," Melmed,

91, who emigrated to the U.S. via Sweden after the war, told The Associated Press in an interview.

The "invitation program for former refugees" has brought back primarily Jewish emigrants who fled the Nazis, or those like Melmed who survived their machinery of genocide.

Last Wednesday, she and other former program participants were invited to Berlin City Hall to celebrate the half-century anniversary.

At a ceremony, Mayor Michael Mueller thanked them for coming back despite all they suffered at the hands of the Germans.

"Many people followed our invitation, people who had lost everything they loved," he said. "I want to express my strong gratitude to you for putting your trust in us."

Despite skepticism at the time that anyone persecuted by the Nazis would want to return, in 1970 — one year after the program's launch — there was already a waiting list of 10,000 former Berliners who wanted to come back for a visit.

More than 100 other German cities and towns have instituted similar programs, but no municipality has brought back as many former residents as the capital.

## Israeli Cabinet convenes in West Bank

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened his final pre-election Cabinet meeting Sunday in a part of the West Bank he has vowed to annex if reelected and laid out a plan to build a new settlement there amid a last-ditch drive to galvanize his nationalistic base.

The meeting, along with the new pledges, came despite an international outcry over Netanyahu's promise to annex the West Bank's Jordan Valley. Annexing the area, considered to be the heartland of any future Palestinian state, would all but extinguish any remaining Palestinian hopes for independence.

Netanyahu has staged a flurry of media appearances to beseech supporters to vote in large numbers to stave off the prospect of a left-wing government he says will endanger the country's security.

A centerpiece of his late-hour agenda has been the pledge to extend Israeli sovereignty over the Jordan Valley and to annex

Jewish settlements, something Netanyahu refrained from doing during his decade-plus in power.

The proposal sparked a cascade of international condemnation, including from Europe and Saudi Arabia, an influential Arab country that has quiet, unofficial ties with Israel. The U.S., however, had a muted reaction, suggesting Netanyahu coordinated his plan with the Americans ahead of time.

In an open letter in the Yediot Ahronot newspaper, Netanyahu said that with President Donald Trump planning to unveil his much-awaited Mideast peace plan, the conditions have "ripened" to apply sovereignty to all "settlements and areas of strategic and national importance" in the West Bank.

Seated in a makeshift tent and flanked by his ministers against a backdrop of Israeli flags, Netanyahu said at the Cabinet meeting that he was proud to establish what he expects to be the country's future eastern border and officially incorporate its settlements into Israel.

# British PM Johnson blasted by ex-leader

By GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press

LONDON — Former British Prime Minister David Cameron says current officeholder Boris Johnson didn't really believe in Brexit when he led the 2016 referendum to take Britain out of the European Union. Cameron made the charge to The Times in a story published Sunday as he seeks publicity for his upcoming memoir. He said of Johnson, "The conclusion I am left with is that he risked an outcome he didn't believe in because it would help his political career."

For his part, Johnson compared himself to the ultrastrong comic book and film character The Incredible Hulk in a separate newspaper interview.

Cameron called the referendum and then stepped down when he failed to persuade voters to stay in the EU. He had expected Johnson to support his position, but Johnson became one of the leaders of the pro-Brexit camp.

Johnson did not comment Sunday on Cameron's claim, instead comparing himself to the Hulk as he described his commitment to making Brexit happen by the Oct. 31 deadline rather than seeking an orderly delay.

"The madder Hulk gets, the stronger Hulk gets," Johnson told The Mail on Sunday.

Johnson remains defiant even though Parliament has passed a law requiring him to seek an extension if there is no deal by mid-October. He says he will not do that under any circumstances.

On Monday, Johnson is to have a rare face-to-face meeting with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in Luxembourg. The goal is to see if there can be any progress in the extremely difficult Brexit negotiations, which have failed to produce a deal that can win the backing of Britain's Parliament.

Europe's leaders did not react favorably to Johnson's invocation of a comic book character. The European Parliament's Brexit coordinator, Guy Verhofstadt, said the comments showed a lack of maturity.

"Even to Trumpian standards, the Hulk comparison is infantile," he tweeted. "Is the EU supposed to be scared by this? The British public impressed?"

Juncker also expressed concern that many people in Britain seem to feel a British departure without a deal with the EU would be a positive thing.

"It would be terrible chaos," he said in an interview with Germany's Deutschlandfunk radio. "And we would need years to put things back in order."

## Zimbabwe's Mugabe is honored at state funeral; burial delayed

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — African heads of state joined thousands of Zimbabweans at a state funeral Saturday for Zimbabwe's founding president, Robert Mugabe, whose burial has been delayed for at least a month until a special mausoleum can be built for his remains.

More than 100 African leaders and several former presidents attended the service and viewing of the body of Mugabe, who died earlier this month in Singapore at age 95, at the National Sports Stadium in the capital, Harare.

The crowd filled about 30% of the 60,000-capacity Chinese-built stadium. Most of those attending were supporters of Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa drew boots from the crowd as a result of the recent attacks in Johannesburg on foreigners, including Zimbabweans. An official pleaded with the stadium crowd to let him speak. Ramaphosa apologized for the attacks.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta described Mugabe as "a great icon of African liberation" and "a visionary leader and relentless champion of African dignity."

The announcement Friday evening that the burial will be postponed until the building of a new resting place at the national Heroes' Acre Monument is the latest turn

in a dramatic wrangle between Mugabe's family and President Emmerson Mnangagwa, a once-trusted deputy who helped oust Mugabe from power.

Mnangagwa presided over Saturday's ceremony, attended by Mugabe's widow, Grace, who wore a black veil. "A giant tree of Africa has fallen," said Mnangagwa, who hailed Mugabe as "a bold, steadfast revolutionary."

He praised Mugabe for seizing land from white farmers. "To him, this was the grievance of all grievances of our people," Mnangagwa said. "The land has now been reunited with the people and the people have been reunited with the land."

He also called on Western countries to remove sanctions imposed during Mugabe's era.

"Go Well Our Revolutionary Icon" and "Farewell Gallant Son of the Soil" were among the banners raising Mugabe, who led the bitter guerrilla war to end white minority rule in the country, then known as Rhodesia. Mugabe was Zimbabwe's first leader and ruled the country from 1980 for 37 years, during which the country devolved from prosperity to economic ruin and repression.

He was deposed in 2017 by the military and Mnangagwa in a bloodless coup that was marked by more than 100,000 people demonstrating in Harare's streets to demand that he step down.

## VIDEO GAMES

# Games and gamers galore at Tokyo show

Hundreds exhibit new releases at annual gathering

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

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CHIBA, Japan — There was just too little time and too much to see and do at the Tokyo Game Show 2019.

The show, which ended Sunday, featured 655 exhibitors in 2,417 booths scattered across 11 halls within the convention center.

Among the largest booths — and longest lines — Sony and Square Enix had massive displays devoted to upcoming game releases.

Sony showcased content including playable demonstrations of Yakuza: Like a Dragon, Nioh 2, Persona 5 Royal and Call of Duty: Modern Warfare.

Death Stranding, a creation of game director and producer Hideo Kojima, and CD Projekt Red's Cyberpunk 2077 were also promoted with large booths, but neither game was available to try out.

"I'm most excited for Death Stranding since I'm a big fan of Kojima," gamer Lukas Wolf said at the event. "Any new information about it will be a treat."

At the Cyberpunk 2077 booth, Keanu Reeves and Kojima made surprise appearances Thursday and posed for photos with the life-size model of the Yaiba Kusanagi motorcycle from the game.

At the Square Enix booth, a large screen displayed trailers for all upcoming games, including one for Kingdom Hearts 3 that hints at downloadable content, Dragon Quest X and XI, Marvel Avengers and the long-awaited Final Fantasy 7 Remake. Playable demos of Final Fantasy 7 and Dragon Quest XI S were available.

"I have waited since I was a little kid for the Final Fantasy 7 Remake and I finally got a chance today. It's everything I could've asked for," gamer Kenji Sato said.

Between the large booths dedicated to the largest gaming companies, visitors found hundreds of cosplayers dressed as characters from video games, networking opportunities with several universities that work with gaming, indie game developers with ready-to-play products, and free-to-play carnival games for a chance to win a prize.

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Top: Visitors get a glimpse of the Final Fantasy 7 Remake trailer at Tokyo Game Show 2019 on Thursday.

Above: Attendees play a game at an indie game development booth.

Left: Game developers at the show prepare a demonstration for a new game.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Suspended judge pleads guilty in panties theft

**NY** CENTRAL ISLIP — A suspended judge pleaded guilty to attempted burglary for trying to sneak into a neighbor's home to steal her underwear.

Robert Cicale pleaded guilty Friday in Suffolk County court. Prosecutors said Cicale, 50, had several pairs of women's soiled underwear stuffed into his jacket and raincoat when he was arrested on March 29, 2018, after leaving the neighbor's home. They said he admitted that he had entered the home on several occasions and stolen panties from a hamper.

Cicale was removed from the bench after his arrest. He is expected to be sentenced Nov. 15 to five years of probation with sex offender status.

## Fugitive emu nabbed by Highway Patrol

**CA** FRESNO — A authorities captured an emu after the flightless fugitive led officers down a highway.

The Fresno Bee reported Friday that the bird was apprehended following a brief pursuit by California Highway Patrol officers.

Authorities said officers responded to a report that an ostrich was wandering along the right-hand shoulder of U.S. Highway 99 northwest of Fresno. Madera County Animal Services took the bird into custody uninjured.

## Store's ban doesn't face stinky shoppers

**MS** GREENWOOD — You stink, stay out! That's the message from a Delta convenience store to workers at a neighboring soybean oil mill.

The Greenwood Commonwealth reported the convenience store has a sign on its door stating "Notice: Bad Smelling Oil Mill People Please Do Not Enter." Anurag Randive, who manages the Greenwood store, said the sign was posted about three months ago after customers complained about the odor of employees from the Express Grain oil mill across the street. He said he's prevented some odorous workers from entering.

Express Grain employee Michael Blount said workers who labor in the pits filled with stinking rotten soybeans send less smelly coworkers inside to buy snacks.

## Repairs for Black Hawk statue set to begin

**IL** OREGON — The first steps in repairing a century-old landmark in northern Illinois known as the Black Hawk statue are underway.

Workers began erecting scaffolding Sept. 9 around the 48-foot-tall statue in Lowden State Park in Ogle County.

The 108-year-old monument has spent most of the last five years beneath a plastic covering to protect it from harsh weather.



MICHAEL HOLAHAN, THE AUGUSTA (GA.) CHRONICLE/AP

## Oh, say, can you see new citizens?

New U.S. citizens hold their hands over their hearts during the singing of the national anthem at the conclusion of a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Augusta, Ga., on Thursday.

## Erosion endangering historic pavilion

**MI** MANISTEE — A 400-ton pavilion built in the 1940s could fall 100 feet from a bluff into Lake Michigan if nothing is done to fight erosion from rising waters at a state park in Michigan.

Orchard Beach State Park supervisor Doug Barry said the limestone pavilion sits about 50 feet back from the edge of a bluff that's eroding at an average annual rate of 6 inches.

Barry added that while the structure isn't in imminent peril, the Department of Natural Resources is working to ensure it doesn't fall off the edge.

## Slave ship reenactment canceled after outcry

**IN** RUSSIAVILLE — A middle school's planned "Slave Ship" history exercise has been canceled following an outcry by parents upset that the lesson called for students to portray bound, enslaved Africans aboard a vessel returning to the Americas.

The proposed role-playing exercise at Western Middle School in Russiaville would have had students reenacting the Middle Passage, in which millions of Africans were kidnapped, shipped across the Atlantic in dire condi-

## THE CENSUS

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The value of two rodeo championship saddles that a Louisiana man is accused of possessing. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry said a Brand Commission inspector arrested Shaquille Oneal Deandre Levi, of Batchelor, on Thursday on two counts of illegal possession of stolen things. Department spokeswoman Veronica Mosgrove said in a news release the saddles were reported stolen July 2 in Pointe Coupee Parish.

tions and sold into slavery.

The school's eighth grade social studies teacher, Kevin Pax, sent a letter to parents detailing the class. His letter triggered an uproar from parents.

WISH-TV reported Pax sent a email last week canceling the role-playing portion of the lesson.

## Hundreds in fights after football game

**NY** ROCHESTER — Police said hundreds of people were involved in a series of fights that erupted after a high school football game.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported that it took police more than an hour to disperse the fights that followed Friday's game between East High School and Irondequoit High School.

Police said officers were pelted with rocks and bottles when they tried to stop the fights. The officers used pepper spray. Rochester Police Capt. Naser Zenelovic said one officer suf-

fered minor injuries and a 16-year-old's nose was broken. Four adults and four juveniles were arrested.

East High School Superintendent Shaun Nelms said the brawls started outside the stadium. He said "a community issue" is to blame for the violence.

## Student charged after locker room attack

**FL** LAKELAND — Officials said a middle school student was arrested and suspended after a video went viral of him attacking another student in a locker room.

Lakeland police Capt. Steve Pacheco said Thursday that the Blake Academy student has been charged with misdemeanor battery.

Polk County Public Schools Superintendent Jacqueline Byrd said the boy also has been suspended for 10 days, though it wasn't known whether he'd be allowed to return.

## Woman sickened by mercury in skin cream

**CA** SACRAMENTO — A California woman was hospitalized in a semicomatose state after using a skin cream from Mexico that was laced with toxic methylmercury.

California health officials said the 47-year-old Sacramento woman bought the cosmetic at a Jalisco pharmacy.

She was hospitalized with numbness in her hands and face, slurred speech and problems walking, then worsened.

## Cannonball found lodged in tree

**MO** INDEPENDENCE — A worker found an apparent Civil War cannonball lodged in a Kansas City area tree that he was hired to take down.

KMBC-TV reported the small cannonball fell out as the worker was chopping up the diseased tree on the grounds of the Overfelt-Johnston house. It was used as a hospital during the First Battle of Independence, which was fought across the street in 1862.

Property owner Randall Pratt said a cannonball also was found when the property was restored in 1980.

From wire reports

## FACES

# Trained to be a tabloid target

Zellweger brings personal insights to challenging role as Garland in 'Judy'

By AMY KAUFMAN  
Los Angeles Times

**R**enee Zellweger knows what it's like to be a public target. At 50, she's lived half her life in the spotlight, weathering tabloid stories about her weight, plastic surgery and high-profile relationships (Jim Carrey, Kenny Chesney).

So when it came to playing Judy Garland — whose struggle with substance abuse, financial troubles and custody battles were all grist for the mill — little surprised the actress. Not even learning that in the last years of Garland's life, British audiences pelted her with bread rolls when they were displeased with her performance.

"It wasn't shocking because I've never known any different," Zellweger said. "It might have been a little less direct than it can be today, where you will be unapologetically asked about the nature or health of your personal, intimate relationships and the private choices you make."

In Rupert Gould's "Judy," which opens Sept. 27, Zellweger plays Garland in the final months of her life. It's 1968 and the "Wizard of Oz" star at 46 is no longer America's sweetheart. Millions of dollars in debt, she's in London, the only place she can find a paying gig. Away from her children, she's drinking heavily and popping the pills that Hollywood studios forced on her during her adolescence. She turns up late or out-of-tune during her sold-out run at the cabaret club Talk of the Town, inviting scorn from critics and ticket holders.

In writing the screenplay, based on playwright Peter Quilter's 2005 musical "End of the Rainbow," Tom Edge ("The Crown," "Lovesick") did not reach out to the Luft children or Garland's older daughter, Liza Minnelli, who recently said, "I do not approve nor sanction the upcoming film about Judy Garland in any way." Lorna Luft had already written a memoir, 1998's "Me and My Shadows," so he felt that "a little distance" from the children would prove useful in remaining neutral.

Zellweger, however, said she felt torn about speaking to Garland's kids.

"I wanted to reach out not to ask questions, except to maybe ask what they would like or hope to see," she said. "I figured that whatever was for public consumption, they had already shared at this point. I could find that. I wouldn't dream of calling and asking, 'Hey, what else can you share here? Because that'd be so helpful.' To me, what they haven't shared is treasure and that belongs to them and that's where it should stay."

The actress tried to connect with Minnelli



LD Entertainment and Roadside Attractions

**Renee Zellweger plays Judy Garland in the final months of her life in "Judy."**

through a mutual friend but wasn't successful. Luft was diagnosed with a brain tumor just as filming began.

Instead, Zellweger dug into publicly available material, watching old films, listening to concert recordings and reading numerous Garland biographies, some written by those who claimed to be close to her like her last husband, Mickey Deans.

"Every night, there was something new to go to sleep with, reading and watching to make sure there wasn't a tiny little gemstone hidden in the mix," she said. "But considering the source was a challenge — trying to understand the truth or the depth of the relationship. Having had some experience with that myself, maybe I knew to sniff it out and be skeptical about 'firsthand accounts.' Everybody has a bad day and can be misunderstood."

"Judy" director Gould said he liked the idea of Zellweger as Garland because the star so often has been "presented almost as a gargoyle," the filmmaker said. He hoped Zellweger could channel Garland's warmer side. But he also didn't want the "Bridget Jones" star to do a note-for-note impression. "That's what people do on cruise ships," Gould said.

Zellweger has sung in films before, most memorably as Roxie Hart in the 2002 adaptation of "Chicago." But she said she was scared when Gould requested that she belt out Garland's classics on set instead of in a studio before filming.

"There was freedom in knowing (she had) nights where there were misses and compromise and inability to access her full instrument," Zellweger acknowledged, referring to the decline in Garland's vocal abilities.

Unlike in the play, Edge said he included a glimpse of Garland's adolescence in the film to give audiences a sense of what she overcame. MGM studio head Louis B. Mayer referred to her as his "little hunchback," and Garland revealed later in life that he touched her inappropriately.

"I think she certainly felt like the way that she was treated in those studio days was at least partly responsible for the things she struggled with later in life," Gould said. "The pity of it is that this terrifically funny and talented and charismatic kid ended up on the other side of that system carrying so much damage. Yet at the same time, she endured and found her way back to her audience."



AP

**Eddie Money, shown performing in 2004, died Sept. 13. Money announced his diagnosis of esophageal cancer last month.**

## Rock star Eddie Money dies at 70

Associated Press

A publicist for Eddie Money said the rock star has died after he recently announced he had stage 4 esophageal cancer. He was 70.

Cindy Ronzoni provided a statement from the family and said Money died Sept. 13 in Los Angeles.

The husky-voiced, blue-collar performer was known for hits such as "Two Tickets to Paradise."

"It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our loving husband and father," the statement said. "It's so hard to imagine our world without him, however he will live on forever through his music."

He announced his cancer diagnosis via a video last month from his AXS TV reality series "Real Money." In the video, Money said he discovered he had cancer after what he thought was a routine checkup. He said the disease had spread to his liver and lymph nodes.

Money said it hit him "really, really hard."

He had numerous health problems recently, including heart valve surgery this year and pneumonia after the procedure, leading to his cancellation of a planned summer tour.

A New York City native born Edward Joseph Mahoney, Money grew up in a family of police officers and was training in law enforcement himself before he rebelled and decided he'd rather be a singer.

"I grew up with respect for the idea of preserving law and order, and then all of a sudden cops became pigs and it broke my heart," Money told Rolling Stone in 1978.

"Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Baby Hold On" reached the Top 30 in the late 1970s and his self-titled debut album went platinum.

In 1987, he received a best rock vocal Grammy nomination for "Take Me Home Tonight." The song featured a cameo from Ronnie Spector, who reprised one of her signature hits from the 1960s as she crooned "Be my little baby," which she first sang on the Ronettes' "Be My Baby."

Money's other hits included "Maybe I'm a Fool," "Walk On Water" and "Think I'm in Love." He had few successes after the 1980s, but he continued to tour and record.

## 'SNL' has new cast members, controversy

Associated Press

A newly announced "Saturday Night Live" cast member posted a video last year in which he used a racial slur for Chinese people and derided Asians trying to learn English.

The clip of Shane Gillis re-emerged in a news report Sept. 12, just hours after NBC said that he and two others, including the show's only Asian American performer, were joining the cast as featured players.

The video apparently was posted in 2018 to YouTube channels featuring Gillis and fellow comedian Matt McCusker, accord-

ing to a Variety story. Seth Simons, a freelance writer and editor covering comedy, re-posted a clip from the video on Twitter and brought it to the trade paper's attention, Variety said.

NBC didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. A representative for Gillis couldn't immediately be located.

The other new "SNL" cast members announced are Bowen Yang, who joined the show last season as a staff writer and is co-host of a podcast, "Las Culturistas," and Chloe Fineman, who's been a regular performer with the Groundlings improv com-

pany. She and Gillis were featured as "New Faces" at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal.

"Saturday Night Live" has taken heat over the years for an overall lack of ethnic diversity, with scant Asian representation among its cast members or hosts.

Former players Fred Armisen and Rob Schneider both are one-quarter Asian, but neither has been widely recognized for their Asian ancestry. Among hosts, the long history of "SNL" includes a short list of Asian or Asian Americans, with Awkwafina, Aziz Ansari and Jackie Chan among them.

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## OPINION

## Dunford was a steady hand during turmoil

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Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who will retire this month, is that rare senior official in Donald Trump's Washington whose career and reputation don't seem to have been tarnished by his dealings with the president. The explanation is simple: The low-key, Boston-Irish Marine maintained the distance and discipline of a professional military officer. He didn't try to be Trump's friend or confidant, and he stayed away from palace intrigue. The White House treated him with respect, and his fellow commanders came to regard him with something approaching awe. "We'd all like to be Joe Dunford," said one four-star general.

In the ceaseless turmoil of the Trump administration, Dunford has been a steady hand who helped insulate national security policy from disruption and political pressure. His Pentagon colleagues say he will be keenly missed — several described him as the best chairman in recent decades — and that they are hoping that Gen. Mark Milley, his successor, can sustain the independence and cool judgment that defined Dunford's tenure.

Dunford doesn't like talking about his relationship with the White House. The closest he has come was probably a Pentagon press briefing last month. "I've worked very hard to remain apolitical and not make political judgments," he said. "I work very hard to provide military advice ... and make sure that our men and women in uniform have the wherewithal to

do their job."

"Joe Dunford is a man for all seasons," said Jim Mattis, the former secretary of defense and a fellow Marine. "Joe has a quiet mind, not easily distracted; he quantifies things, but he brings in the nonquantifiable. Still waters run deep in him. You simply can't shake his faith in his fundamental values."

Mattis cites two combat anecdotes to explain Dunford's unflappable style. In March 2003, on the eve of the invasion of Iraq, Mattis told Dunford that because of a last-minute change of plans, his regiment had to move out in five hours, rather than at dawn the next morning. "He just took it in stride," says Mattis.

A few days later, Dunford's unit had found its way to the Tigris River, with the loss of some Marines, and was ready to seize a strategic bridge. Mattis told him he had to fall back until conditions were safer for the assault. Dunford obeyed that painful retreat order without hesitation, Mattis said.

Dunford was born for the job. The son of a Marine who fought at Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, he grew up in Quincy, Mass., a working-class suburb of Boston. Colleagues say he retained those grounded values throughout a rapidly rising career.

Gen. Frank McKenzie, the U.S. Central Command commander and another fellow Marine, remembers that Dunford faced a delicate problem as a young lieutenant colonel on the staff of the Marine command. He had to manage a popular but misplanned protocol officer. He promptly removed the officer to the consternation of some politically powerful friends.

Dunford's dream was probably to be-

come Marine commandant himself, and after he was appointed to that post in 2014, friends say he assumed it was his last post. When President Barack Obama nominated him chairman in 2015, "he took the job with a Catholic sense of guilt" to do his duty, says one friend.

On Dunford's desk as chairman, he placed the admonition of a venerated predecessor, Gen. Omar Bradley, who cautioned his staff that they didn't have the "luxury" of focusing on just one theater but needed to think globally. Dunford has prodded the different services and combatant commands to do just that — move toward integrated global strategy, rather than separate fiefdoms.

Dunford built a powerful joint staff to coordinate policy, directed by strong officers like McKenzie and Adm. Michael Gilday, the new chief of naval operations. The joint staff's importance grew as the interagency process of the National Security Council decayed. Some grouse that the joint staff is now too powerful, but it helped fill a dangerous vacuum.

In dealing with Trump, Dunford's friends say his model was Gen. George C. Marshall, the celebrated wartime chief of staff to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Marshall didn't try to be FDR's pal, or laugh at his jokes, or join his social gatherings. Marshall simply did his job.

One four-star general recalls that Trump would sometimes ask Dunford if he liked a particular policy option. "I'm not in love with any of them, but Dunford would answer: 'My job is to give you choices.'"

It's Dunford's legacy that in a time of national tumult and division, the military seems to have remained steady as a rock.

## Hong Kong is a 'hair's breadth from destruction'

By GEORGE F. WILL  
Washington Post Writers Group

PHYSICALLY diminutive, intellectually acerbic and with an eye for the ironic, Margaret Ng — lawyer, writer and former legislator — is, at 71, a member of the generation for which this city's youthful protesters have scant patience. They say the elders have been too patient about Hong Kong's precarious situation. But, says Ng dryly, the youths frequently welcome assistance from the older generation's lawyers.

With her closely cropped gray hair and an obvious abundance of wisdom acquired from Hong Kong's many high-stakes controversies, Ng, who plainly sees facts as she sees them through her round spectacles, resembles an owl with an attitude. She says Hong Kong's situation is "desperate." "Under the veneer of a free city, we are under Beijing's control." Today the city is a "hair's breadth from destruction." She is particularly distressed by police violence, which is a departure from the professional policing bequeathed to this city from its three decades of colonial rule. Recently the police have prevented, some times for hours, first-aid providers from attending to those the police have injured. The city government under Beijing's puppet, Carrie Lam, is increasingly resorting to the policy Ng calls "beat up, lock up and silence."

Lam and her Beijing masters are learning that what Gen. Douglas MacArthur said of military disasters — that all are explained, in one way or another, by two words: "too late" — is also often true in pol-

itics. In April, Lam ignited a long hot summer by refusing to amend an extradition bill that would have facilitated, by regularizing, Beijing's penchant for kidnapping into its Kafkaesque criminal justice system inconvenient Hong Kong booksellers and other affronts to totalitarianism. If Lam had promptly done what she has done five months too late — unambiguously withdrawn the bill — the protests might have dissipated. Instead, they have metastasized, as has the protesters' agenda, which now includes more meaningful suffrage — ending Beijing's role in approving candidates — and an independent review of police behavior.

At a recent lunch at the Hong Kong Club, there were three generations of democracy advocates around a table seating eight. At one end of the age spectrum was Martin Lee Chu-ming, 81, the founding chairman of the city's principal pro-democracy party. At the other end was Joshua Wong, a prodigy of protesting who, given the stressful life he lives, might in a few years look as old as he now is (22). He was an organizer of the 2014 demonstrations against Beijing's truncation of popular sovereignty by stipulating those for whom Hong Kongers could vote.

The luncheon gathering stressed that the agenda does not include independence for a sovereign Hong Kong. Lam and Beijing should, however, remember that events can generate their own logic. In the early 1770s, restive American colonists, chafing under some annoyances imposed by London, insisted that they sought only restoration of the status quo — enjoyment of their traditional British rights. But spilled blood — on Lexington green, at Concord Bridge,

and elsewhere — quickly led to July 4, 1776.

"Do you remember the Cheshire Cat?" Ng asks, invoking the creature in "Alice in Wonderland" that in one scene slowly disappears, leaving nothing but its grin. Hong Kong could slowly disappear except for its veneer. Or quickly. "Is [Beijing] prepared to kill Hong Kong?" Ng asks. Young people here, "who have nowhere else to go," increasingly think they have nothing to lose. Some of them "carry their last wills in their pockets."

They know they are dealing, ultimately, with a regime that has swept at least a million Uighur Muslims into prisons and "re-education" concentration camps. China's national anthem celebrates "millions of hearts with one mind." Hong Kong's protesters are defending a society comfortable with many different minds. And they rightly have turned their anger against so-called "smart lampposts" — those likely adorned with facial recognition technologies that serve policies of social control.

Four decades ago, after President Richard Nixon's 1972 visit to China and as Americans were beginning to travel there in significant numbers, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., tartly observed that too many returning Americans were more voluble about the absence of flies in modernizing China than about the absence of freedom. Now, however, thanks to the ongoing drama in Hong Kong's streets, it is possible to hope that the West has passed "peak China" — the apogee of blinkered admiration for a nation in which approximately 19% of the human race is saddled with one of the world's most sinister regimes.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Coal mine shutdowns bring new uncertainty

By MEAD GRUVER  
Associated Press

GILLETTE, Wyo. — At two of the world's biggest coal mines, the finances got so bad that their owner couldn't even get toilet paper on credit.

Warehouse technician Melissa Worden divvied up what remained, giving four rolls to each mine and two to the mine supply facility where she worked.

Then mine owner Blackjewel LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on July 1. Worden figured the accounts would get settled quickly.

"The consensus was, in 30 days, we'll look back on this and we made it through and we'll be up and running, and it's a fresh start," Worden said.

What happened instead has shaken the top coal-producing region in the United States.

Blackjewel furloughed most of its Wyoming employees and shut down Eagle Butte and Belle Ayr mines, the first idled by hardship since coal mining in the Pow-



MEAD GRUVER/AP

**Coal mine warehouse technician Melissa Worden, left, and heavy equipment operator Rory Wallet, seen in downtown Gillette, Wyo., wonder if they will get their old jobs back.**

der River Basin exploded in the 1970s.

It's a big hit to the region straddling northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana, where coal has quietly supported the economies of both states for decades and fuels a shrinking number of power plants in 28 states.

Negotiations that could reopen the two Wyoming mines under new ownership are stalled more than two months later. Some 600 employees remain off the job. And doubts are growing about the long-term viability of the region's coal mines.

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mine warehouse technician

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naive again," said Worden, 44.

Blackjewel, based in Milton, W.Va., told its Wyoming employees last week that the mines might be running again soon and to let the company know if they wanted their jobs back.

Worden said she felt little reassurance. She's not the only one questioning long-held assumptions about Powder River Basin mines, which produce cleaner-burning coal less expensively than mines in other parts of the U.S. and weren't widely thought of as being at risk.

But with coal in long-term decline, how the basin might eventually scale down production to a sustainable level has become a big question, said Rob Godby, director of the Center for Energy Economics and Public Policy at the University of Wyoming.

"The irony here — and it's really a cruel irony — is everybody is focused on getting these miners back to work.

"But really, the solution to creating a healthy industry is some mines close," Godby said.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Sept. 16)	\$1.1382
Dollar buys (Sept. 16)	69.8786
British pound (Sept. 16)	\$1.28
Japanese yen (Sept. 16)	105.00
South Korean won (Sept. 16)	1,162.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2447
Canada (dollar)	1.3243
China (yuan)	7.0796
Denmark (krone)	6.7476
Egypt (pound)	16.4201
Euro	\$1.1067/0.9036
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.8238
Hungary (forint)	299.22
Israel (shekel)	3.5324
Japan (yen)	108.86
Kuwait (dinar)	0.3039
Norway (krone)	8.9752
Philippines (peso)	51.99
Poland (zloty)	3.90
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (dollar)	1.3734
South Korea (won)	1,178.73
Switzerland (franc)	0.9878
Thailand (baht)	30.45
Turkey (lira)	5.6786

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom for nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federally set market rate	1.13
3-month bill	1.91
30-year bond	2.37

## Discount movie subscription service MoviePass shuts down

Associated Press

NEW YORK — MoviePass, the movie ticket subscription service that allowed subscribers to buy up to three movie tickets per month for a small fee, shut down Saturday.

Its future is unclear.

Helios and Matheson Analytics, the parent company of MoviePass, said Friday in a news release that it was interrupting service for all its subscribers be-

cause its efforts to seek financing have not been successful.

It says it's "unable to predict if or when" MoviePass will continue. The company says it's planning to study all options, including the sale of the company in its entirety.

MoviePass drew in millions of subscribers, initially luring them with a \$10 monthly rate. But that proved unsustainable. Because MoviePass typically pays theaters the full cost of tickets

— \$15 or more in big cities — a single movie can put the service in the red. The company was forced to make changes. Those efforts, however, never stopped the losses.

In a letter posted to subscribers on its website, Mitch Lowe, CEO of MoviePass, wrote, "In August 2017, MoviePass began a transformation of the moviegoing industry by introducing its low monthly price subscription service. Since then, others in the in-

dustry have followed our lead."

MoviePass said it will be providing subscribers with "appropriate" refunds for their period of service already paid for. Subscribers will not need to request a refund or contact MoviePass customer service to receive a refund. Subscribers will not be charged during the service interruption, according to the website.

Helios acquired a majority stake in the subscription service in 2017.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

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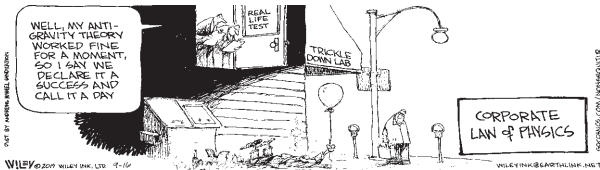
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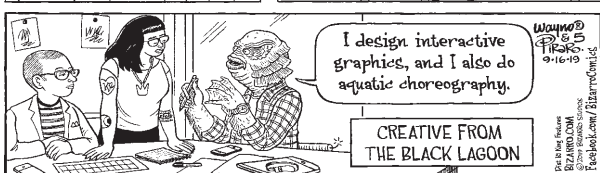
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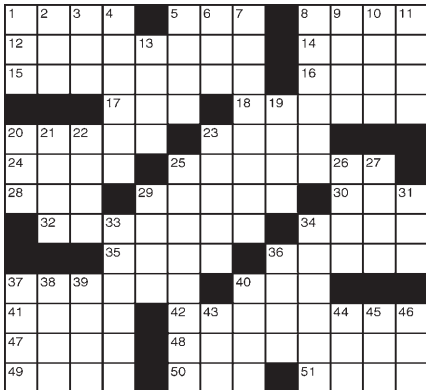
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- Slightly
- Hosp. scan
- Want-ad listings
- Hits the limit
- British noble
- Ballet slippers
- Biblical pronoun
- Math ratios
- Ridiculous
- Bar legally
- Minn. neighbor
- Move like a butterfly
- Jewelry for a low digit
- Heavy weight
- Attack
- Odometer start
- Pedicure target
- Fly high
- Rhett's last word
- "Divine Comedy" author
- Bacon pieces
- "Tasty!"
- Part of Q.E.D.
- Initial advantages
- Enjoy
- Easy to wipe clean
- 49 Mimicked
- 50 Fan's cry
- 51 PBS science show

### DOWN

- Invoice fig.
- Eastern "way"
- Chopper
- Tyrant
- Cattle calls?
- Wish undone
- "You're on!"
- Lakeside rental
- Honolulu's isle
- Rabbit's title
- "Citizen Kane" prop
- Harbor arrival
- 19 Homer's son
- 20 Newt
- 21 Coin aperture
- 22 Ex-Yankee Martinez
- 23 Away from the office
- 25 Trucker in a union
- 26 Lunch hour
- 27 Capricorn
- 29 Crisp cookie
- 31 Miner's find
- 33 Redacted
- 34 Pacific islander
- 36 "Stupid mel!" syllables
- 37 Actress Ward
- 38 Stumble
- 39 Croupier's tool
- 40 "Amen!"
- 43 Mouths (Lat.)
- 44 Wall St. deal
- 45 555, to Ovid
- 46 Salt source

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 9-16

### CRYPTOQUIP

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LX XHMEEMK N ALI  
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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** BIG APPLE HOCKEY TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS HAIL FROM NORTHERN SCOTLAND: THE NEW YORK HIGHLANDERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals H



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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFS

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## Pro football

NFL American Conference									
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Buffalo	1	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Houston	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	New England	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	N.Y. Jets	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Pittsburgh	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Tennessee	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Cincinnati	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Cleveland	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Baltimore	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Cincinnati	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Cleveland	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Kansas City	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	L.A. Chargers	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	N.Y. Giants	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Dallas	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Philadelphia	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Washington	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	New Orleans	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Tampa Bay	1	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Atlanta	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Green Bay	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Minnesota	0	1
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Chicago	0	1
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	San Francisco	1	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	L.A. Rams	1	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Seattle	1	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Arizona	0	1

## Pro basketball

WNBA playoffs									
First Round	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Seattle	1	0
Second Round	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Chicago	1	0
Finals	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Seattle	1	0
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Finals	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Seattle	1	0

Seattle at Los Angeles

## Golf

The Greenbrier  
A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier

Saturday  
At The Old West TPC  
White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.  
Purse: \$7.5 million

Third Round  
Yardage: 7,292; Par 73-36

Rank	Player	Score
1	Jojo Whilden	68-65-68=195
2	Richy Wernick	67-65-65=197
3	Shashy	68-64-65=197
4	Robbie Shashy	68-64-65=197
5	Adam Long	67-66-64=197
6	Scottie Scheffler	67-66-64=197
7	Joseph Bramlett	67-67-63=197
8	English	67-66-64=197
9	Patrick Rodgers	68-66-66=200
10	Tommy	68-67-65=200
11	Sungjae Im	68-67-65=200
12	Sebastian Munoz	69-66-66=201
13	Mark Anderson	69-67-65=201
14	Mark Hubbard	69-67-65=201
15	Brian Harkin	69-67-65=201
16	Scott Brown	69-67-65=201
17	Koehn Bradley	69-67-65=201
18	Malet Jones	69-67-65=201
19	Austin Cook	69-67-65=201
20	Kevin Na	69-67-65=201
21	Scott Harrington	69-67-65=201
22	Harold Varner III	69-67-65=201
23	Jason Dufner	69-67-65=201
24	Justin Rose	69-67-65=201
25	Grayson Murray	69-67-65=201
26	Larry Griffin	69-67-65=201
27	Max Homa	69-67-65=201
28	Justin Thomas	69-67-65=201
29	Sam Snead	69-67-65=201
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## The All Challenge

At Warwick Hill Golf & Country Club  
Grand Blanc, Mich.  
Purse: \$2 million

Yardage: 7,058; Par 72  
Second Round

Rank	Player	Score
1	Jerry Kelly	67-65=132
2	Woody Austin	68-65=133
3	Johnnie Walker	68-65=133
4	Bernhard Langer	68-65=133
5	Tommy Fleetwood	68-65=133
6	David Toms	68-65=133
7	Alvaro Merino	68-65=133
8	Tom Lehman	68-65=133
9	Benjamin Hoge	68-65=133
10	Tommy Fleetwood	68-65=133
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## Rhino Pro Truck Outfitters 300

NASCAR Xfinity Series  
Saturday  
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
Lap length: 1.5 miles

(Starting position in parentheses)  
1. (4) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 200

Rank	Driver	Time
1	(4) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 200	1:00.000
2	(2) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 200.44	1:00.000
3	(6) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 200.44	1:00.000
4	(1) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 199.27	1:00.000
5	(3) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.50	1:00.000
6	(16) Noah Granger, Chevrolet, 200.50	1:00.000
7	(16) Gary Gaudin, Chevrolet, 199.20	1:00.000
8	(13) John H. Nemechek, Chevrolet, 199.20	1:00.000
9	(15) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 199.00	1:00.000
10	(8) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 199.27	1:00.000
11	(7) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 199.36	1:00.000
12	(5) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.50	1:00.000
13	(11) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 199.27	1:00.000
14	(22) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 199.26	1:00.000
15	(10) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 199.23	1:00.000
16	(17) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 198.98	1:00.000
17	(37) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 198.20	1:00.000
18	(29) Josh Willims, Chevrolet, 198.20	1:00.000
19	(2) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 199.27	1:00.000
20	(12) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 199.27	1:00.000
21	(23) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, 197.16	1:00.000
22	(21) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 196.15	1:00.000
23	(26) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 196.14	1:00.000
24	(24) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 195.13	1:00.000
25	(18) Tommy Joe Martins, Toyota, 194.11	1:00.000
26	(30) David Starr, Chevrolet, 194.11	1:00.000
27	(38) Jaunio Alva, Chevrolet, 193.28	1:00.000
28	(27) Taylor Matthews, Chevrolet, 191.20	1:00.000
29	(32) Joey Gase, Toyota, vibration	1:00.000
30	(34) Vinny Miller, Chevrolet, 186.7	1:00.000
31	(31) C. McLaughlin, Chevrolet, accident	1:00.000
32	(25) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, suspension	1:00.000
33	(27) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, gear	1:00.000
34	(34) Chad Finchem, Toyota, suspension	1:00.000
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## Tennis

At Nanchang, China  
Purse: \$220,750 (mtd.)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles  
Championship

Wang Xinyu and Zhu Lin, China, def. Peng Shuai and Zhang Shuai (2), China, 6-3, 6-2

## Japan Women's Open

Saturday  
At Hiroshima, Japan  
Purse: \$250,750 (mtd.)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor  
Singles  
Championship

Wang Xinyu and Zhu Lin, China, def. Peng Shuai and Zhang Shuai (2), China, 6-3, 6-2

## Zhengzhou Open

Saturday  
At Zhengzhou, China  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles  
Championship

Karolina Pliskova (1), Czech Republic, def. Alina Tomilova (2), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2

Petra Martic (1), Croatia, def. Kristina Mladenovic (2), France, 6-0, 6-3

## Pro soccer

MLS  
Saturday  
At Los Angeles, Calif.

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Los Angeles FC, 1-0, Los Angeles FC, 1-0

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## NHL

# Lean: Caps' Ovechkin not slowing down

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Ovechkin's 658 goals put him 12th on the all-time list, and there's still speculation he could catch Wayne Gretzky's record of 894 if he keeps producing at his now typical level. It could take Ovechkin playing until he's 40 to even approach



Ovechkin

Gretzky, and he's not ready to commit to anything beyond the two years left on his current contract.

"After two years, let's talk," Ovechkin said earlier this month at the annual NHL/NHLPA preseason media tour. "We'll see what's gonna happen in two years. I want to play till I can't play."

Ovechkin is showing no signs of slowing down. He scored 51 goals last season and was the oldest to eclipse the 50-goal mark since Phil Esposito in 1974-75.

He and the Capitals could agree to a contract extension as soon as July 1. If that's on his mind, Ovechkin isn't showing it.

"I'm not close to that," he said.

Ovechkin could go the way of countrymen Ilya Kovalchuk and Pavel Datsyuk and go home to play in the KHL once this contract is up. Or he could be like San Jose's Joe Thornton and go year to year based on how he's feeling.

"I don't want to be the guy who got out there and just like play (like) a joke," Ovechkin said. "If I'm gonna be in the same level, yeah."

If Ovechkin maintains this level, 894 isn't out of the question. If he keeps up his trademark durability, he'll surpass 700 goals this season.

"It's always a chance," he said. "I have to play the same way, I have to do the same thing, I have to use my chances and we will see."

## By the numbers

# 894

Career goals by all-time leader Wayne Gretzky. Ovechkin's 658 goals put him 12th on the all-time list. Ovechkin would have to play at least 6 more seasons to approach Gretzky's record.

# 51

Goals last season by Ovechkin, who will be 34 when this season begins. He was the oldest to eclipse the 50-goal mark since Phil Esposito in 1974-75.



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The Pittsburgh Penguins' John Marino, right, checks Samuel Poulin along the boards during practice on the team's first day of training camp Friday in Cranberry Township, Butler County, Pa.

# Pittsburgh excited for fresh start

## Penguins eager to put first-round sweep by Islanders behind them

By DAN SCIFO  
Associated Press

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The Pittsburgh Penguins are excited for a fresh start.

Sidney Crosby and the Penguins became the first team in a generation to win consecutive championships a little more than two years ago. But the Penguins stumbled into an extended offseason last spring when the New York Islanders swept them from the first round of the playoffs.

That left general manager Jim Rutherford to wonder aloud after the season whether some of his players were too content because they've won a couple of Stanley Cups.

Crosby and the Penguins are out to prove that's not the case.

"I think there's a certain level of hunger and urgency and desperation you have to have if you're getting through the playoffs," Crosby said Friday as the Penguins opened training camp.

"Sometimes you think because you have experience that it automatically gives you an edge. It does if you use it, but if you don't, it doesn't do much for you."

Coach Mike Sullivan said he believes his team can be a championship-caliber group again. But he stressed a daily focus and attention to detail, a brand of intelligent and responsible hockey Sullivan has tried to instill since he took over in December 2015.

"I think this team is capable of doing some real good things," Sullivan said. "But we have to earn it every day. It's not inevitable. There's a nice feeling around the team. I think everyone is excited about the opportunity and possibilities that we have."

The Penguins traded winger Phil Kessel to Arizona for Alex Galchenyuk in the offseason.

The 31-year-old Kessel scored 27 goals



Penguins captain Sidney Crosby pauses before the start of a drill on Friday.

and 82 points last season, his fourth with the Penguins. He was a vital part of Pittsburgh's run to consecutive Stanley Cups, finishing second to Crosby for the 2016 Conn Smythe Trophy, while scoring 18 goals and 45 points, as the Penguins became the first team in nearly two decades to win back-to-back titles.

Rutherford spoke of a culture change in the dressing room following the season, and while Kessel is now in Arizona, the Penguins will still need to replace his production.

"Phil produced for us, it's no secret," Crosby said. "Nobody has to come in here and put the same stat lines he did. It's pretty tough to fill those shoes. I think collectively we're going to have to find ways to make up for that."

Evening Malkin seeks a bounce-back season after the 2012 NHL MVP, and two-time scoring champion, ended a career-worst minus-25 with just 21 goals, his lowest full-season output in almost a decade. The 33-year-old said Friday he wants to be a better leader this season.

"Last year, I'm not happy, for sure," Malkin said. "Now, it's a new challenge this

year. I want back, my highest level. I can still play at the top level. I want to show everyone I'm not done."

Malkin skated alongside Galchenyuk and free agent pickup Brandon Tanev on Friday.

The 25-year-old Galchenyuk has put up five consecutive 40-point seasons, and can play both ends of the ice. The 27-year-old Tanev spent his first four seasons in Winnipeg, and also has a reputation as a strong penalty killer and a hard-working, two-way player. He set career highs with 18 goals and 29 points last year.

Pittsburgh also traded for forward Dominik Kahun in the offseason. The 24-year-old played in all 82 games for Chicago in his first NHL season and finished with 13 goals and 37 points.

Crosby and the Penguins are eager to add the new faces into the mix.

"I think it's exciting to build an identity and have a fresh start," Crosby said. "When we won, we didn't sit here talking about June. Just like the fact that we got swept last year, it really doesn't matter at this point. We're all starting from the same spot."



## SPORTS BRIEFS/HIGH SCHOOL



Tyson Fury, left, fights Otto Wallin during their heavyweight boxing match on Saturday, in Las Vegas.

## Briefly

# Fury overcomes bloody cut over eye to defeat Wallin

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Blood was flowing from Tyson Fury's right cheek, and Otto Wallin was in his face. His scheduled rematch with Deontay Wilder suddenly in jeopardy, Fury needed to dig deep in a fight that wasn't supposed to be this hard.

Fury did just that Saturday night, overcoming a bloody cut over his right eye to pound out a unanimous decision over his Swedish opponent and set up a lucrative heavyweight rematch with Deontay Wilder.

Fury remained unbeaten in 29 fights and retained his claim to the lineal heavyweight title against a fighter who was little known but gave the big Englishman all he could handle.

"I couldn't see out of my eye," Fury said. "I got cut over my eye and it changed the fight completely."

With blood streaming down his face, Fury dominated from the middle rounds and in what was supposed to be little more than a tune up fight for his scheduled February rematch with Wilder. He was a 30-1 favorite at fight time, but after being cut in the third round had to reach deep to pull out the win.

The three ringside judges had Fury winning by scores of 118-110, 117-111 and 116-112. The Associated Press had Fury winning 116-112.

Fury was cut over his right eye in the third round, and it clearly bothered him as the fight went on. Blood flowed down the right side of his face and stained his trunks, and Fury kept wiping at the cut to try and keep the blood

out of his eye.

Referee Tony Weeks stopped the fight briefly in the sixth round for the ringside doctor to look at the eye. When the fight resumed, Fury fought at a quicker pace, seemingly realizing he might be running out of time.

With renewed determination, he kept the pressure on Wallin the rest of the way to cement a huge payday against Wilder, who he fought to a draw in December. "Deontay Wilder, I want you next," Wilder said. "Now I'm going to go home and relax with the family."

## Spain wins World Cup, Gasol completes double

BEIJING — Spain has captured its second World Cup championship, defeating Argentina 95-75 on Sunday to give Marc Gasol a rare double-title year.

Tournament MVP Ricky Rubio scored 20 points and Sergio Llull added 15 for Spain (8-0), the ninth team to make it through a World Cup or world championship unbeaten. Gasol scored 14 for the winners, who never trailed.

Gasol becomes the second player to win an NBA title and a FIBA world gold medal in the same year, joining Lamar Odom — who did it for the Los Angeles Lakers and USA Basketball in 2010.

## Pettersen wins Solheim Cup for Europe

GLENEAGLES, Scotland — The sensational finish in Solheim Cup history went down to the final putt of the entire match by a veteran player who

many thought was lucky to even be selected.

Suzann Pettersen didn't let Europe down.

By rolling in a left-to-right birdie from 6 feet on the 18th hole, the 38-year-old Pettersen regained the biggest team prize in women's golf for the Europeans in a 14½-13½ win over the United States at Gleneagles.

"Just unbelievable. Never been a better moment," said European captain Catriona Matthew, whose contentious decision to choose Pettersen as one of her wild-card picks paid off.

The Norwegian was called up by Matthew despite having played just two tournaments since 2017, having had time off because of injury and after having a baby boy, Herman.

After being mobbed by her teammates on the 18th green, an emotional Pettersen held Herman in her arms and kissed him.

## Reddick stretches gas to a win in the desert

LAS VEGAS — Tyler Reddick stretched his final tank of fuel Saturday to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and wrap up the regular-season championship.

Christopher Bell had the most dominant car but Reddick's Richard Childress Racing team gambled on fuel strategy to beat Bell for the win. The reigning series champion has five wins this season.

Reddick made it 70 laps on his final tank of gas.

"It was stumbling," he said of the final few moments of the race.

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — With neither team able to generate much offense, Alfonso Mendez provided just enough scoring to give Kadena its second victory in as many tries.

Mendez, a senior, ran 13 times for 85 yards in the second half and scored the game's only points on a 5-yard run on the fourth quarter's first play, helping the Panthers edge the Humphreys Blackhawks 6-0 Saturday.

All but two of Mendez's second-half yards came after starting tailback Trent Fowler exited the game with an ankle injury.

"He's been grinding so hard the last two years," coach Sergio Mendoza said of Mendez, who finished the game with 108 yards on 20 carries and had a second touchdown called back on a penalty late in the third period. "I knew he had it in him. I knew he could provide some really special things."

Mendez credited his teammates for helping him create those chances. "I knew I had to step up," he said. "I thank my teammates. Because of them, I was able to step up."

It was otherwise a defensive struggle for both teams. Each drove deep into opposing territory four times only to come up empty; each team was not able to convert field-goal tries in the second half.

But despite being outgained 271-202 by the Humphreys' offense, the Panthers did just enough to prevail in the end.

"This was our first big test," Blackhawks coach Steven Elliott said. "It just so happened we drew Kadena, which is a darned good team. What you had today was two collections of warriors who went tooth and nail for four quarters. One break here, one break there and who knows what would have happened?"

Mendez got the lion's share of carries and yards on what virtually became the game-winning drive late in the third quarter and the start of the fourth.

The Panthers drove from their own 40 to the Blackhawks' 7-yard line, only to misfire on a fake field goal with Carey throwing incomplete. But the Blackhawks promptly gave the ball back as running back David Key's fumble was recovered by Joey Putterbaugh at the Blackhawks' 9.

Two plays later, Mendez took a handoff off left tackle 5 yards into the end zone. Humphreys had two more possessions but turned the ball over on downs each time.

Blackhawks quarterback Deontay Gregory was 7-for-9 for 121 yards and ran six times for 55 yards. Brenton Carver ran 12 times for 95 yards.

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# Hohenfels overcomes slow start, wins opener

By GREGORY BROOME

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — The Hohenfels Tigers clawed their way to a comeback DODEA Europe Division III football victory Saturday, scoring the game's last three touchdowns in a stirring 21-12 season-opening victory.

Host Baumholder led 12-0 at halftime on a pair of first-quarter touchdowns by Wilbur Turgeon. But Hohenfels was unbowed by the deficit, pulling ahead on power runs by Liam Lankford and Luka Sotebear and icing the game on a fourth-quarter halftime drive from Kenneth Hale to Jared Wiggins.

Hohenfels coach Richard Baker attributed his team's slow start in part to "first-game jitters," as the Tigers were the odd team out of last weekend's opening schedule of three games in the seven-team league. But it didn't take long for Hohenfels to find its stride, and to interrupt Baumholder's.

While the game appeared to be a clear tale of two halves, with the Bucs controlling the first half and the Tigers taking over in the second, the Hohenfels effort really began in the second quarter, when the visitors led Baumholder scoreless and their offense subsequently, as Baker said, "started

hitting" its prescribed marks.

Those trends escalated after halftime, as the Tigers offense produced three scoring drives and the Bucs attack veered into chaos, most notably on a string of botched shotgun snaps that killed any chance at a late rally.

"A lot of us were disheartened by us being down by 12," said Lankford, who punished Bucs defenders throughout the afternoon with his relentlessly churning legs and sharp stiff-arm greetings to would-be tacklers. "But once our defense started kicking in in the second quarter...we were like, 'Oh, we got this in the bag pretty much.'"

Baumholder, having already outdone last year's winless campaign with an encouraging opening win over defending champion Ansbach a week prior, now must deal with the emotional opposite of that triumphant start.

"What I think it is is really inexperience," Baumholder coach Phillip Loyd said. "A lot of kids that wanted to play well, this is their first shot at varsity ball, and they thought it would come easy. We have to teach them how to handle adversity a little bit better."

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## NFL/MLB



MATT ROUBINE/AP

With New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold recovering from mononucleosis, Trevor Siemian, above, is the team's starter Monday night when it faces Baker Mayfield and the Cleveland Browns.

# Two with plenty to prove

## Browns, Jets come into Monday night matchup at 0-1

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Well, this isn't quite how the Cleveland Browns and New York Jets expected to start the season.

Both are coming off opening losses and look to avoid going 0-2 with a Monday night matchup loaded with juicy story lines, surprising twists and a slight hint of desperation.

And, it's only Week 2. "I think every game is a must-win game," Jets running back Le'Veon Bell said, "but obviously this game holds a lot of weight to it."

The Browns didn't live up to the preseason hype that had some making them potential Super Bowl contenders.

Instead, Cleveland committed 18 penalties — the most by the team since 1951 — in a 43-13 loss to Tennessee that put early pressure on first-year coach Freddie Kitchens.

"I feel a lot of confidence with this team that we're going to get all the haters and naysayers out of here," cornerback Denzel Ward said, "so I hope everybody's all gone now and we're just focused on us."

Well, most of the Browns, that is. Wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. returns to MetLife Stadium for the first time since being traded by the Giants in March. But that's not even the biggest headline.

Neither is all the attention on his expensive watch.

Beckham spiced things up Thursday when he called out former Browns defensive coordinator Gregg Williams — now in the same role with the Jets — and said the coach instructed players to hurt him in a preseason game in 2017. He sustained a severe ankle injury when Cleveland's Brian Boddy-Calhoun cut his legs out, something he says "changed my life forever" because he says it led to other injuries.

"Just got to watch out for the cheap shots and the dirty hits and all the things that he likes to teach," Beckham said.

Williams, of course, is facing the Browns for the first time since leading them to a 5-3 record after taking over when Hue Jackson was fired — and then losing out to Kitchens for the vacancy. "Obviously, he has a chip on his shoulder about

this game," Jets safety Jamal Adams said. "We're going to go out there and play for him. He's going to be all riled up."

Adam Gase was plenty fired up this week himself after the Jets blew a 16-0 third-quarter lead last Sunday in his debut for New York and lost 17-16 to Buffalo.

### Wild Week for the Jets

Kicker Kaare Vedvik was waived after he missed an extra point and a 45-yard field goal, and Sam Ficken was signed to replace him.

Second-year defensive lineman Nathan Shepherd was suspended six games for two violations of the NFL's policy on performance enhancers.

They swung a rare trade with New England, acquiring wide receiver Demaryius Thomas for a 2021 sixth-round draft pick.

Wide receiver Quincy Enunwa was lost for the season with his second neck injury in just over two years.

And, then, the caper of 'em all: Quarterback Sam Darnold was diagnosed with mononucleosis, likely sidelining him for several games. That means it'll be Trevor Siemian starting against Baker Mayfield, who appears OK after needing X-rays on his hand Sunday, and the Browns on Monday night.

### New York State of mind

Beckham dismissed any extra motivation in going back to his old, New Jersey stomping grounds.

"It is just another game," he said. "It really is. 'Monday Night Football' in the lights. Just trying to get wins."

But Beckham is an entertainer and loves the big stage, so he'll undoubtedly try to put on a performance with the rest of the league watching.

And speaking of watching, Beckham said he'll sport the Richard Mille-designed watch: "If I want to wear it, I'll wear it." The league told the Browns that Beckham is violating their policy on "hard objects."

### Baker & the Jets

Mayfield has fond memories of the Jets. He made his NFL debut against them last season, coming off the bench in Week 3 and leading the Browns to a 21-17 win to end Cleveland's 19-game winless streak

# Sano's grand slam leads Twins to sweep of Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With one swing Miguel Sano sent the Minnesota Twins to a doubleheader sweep and maybe a division title.

Sano's grand slam capped a five-run eighth inning and the Twins grabbed firm control of the AL Central by beating the Cleveland Indians 9-5, completing the sweep of Saturday's day-night doubleheader.

The sweep pushed the Twins 5½ games ahead of the Indians in the AL Central going into the final game of the showdown series Sunday.

"This is a big day for us, for our fans, for everybody," Sano said. "We never put our heads down. We fight and we compete."

Twins manager Rocco Baldelli was obviously pleased with the way the day went, but isn't ready to light a victory cigar just yet.

"These are important games, of course," he said. "It was a lot of fun, but we've got a long way to go."

Sano's 415-foot blast on Nick Goody's first pitch ended up in the bleachers in left-center. The Twins' dugout erupted when the ball landed and the sellout crowd at Progressive Field went silent.

"It's a tremendous swing in a very challenging, dramatic moment," Baldelli said. "These are emotional games and it was a huge swing."

Sano was hitless in seven at-bats with five strikeouts against Goody when he walked to the plate.

"I came in, left one hanging," Goody said. "The guys played really well and once again...it stinks."

Eddie Rosario hit a two-run homer in the first while Nelson Cruz added a two-run blast in the

**'We just made bad pitches to the wrong hitters.'**

**Terry Francona**  
Cleveland Indians manager

sixth, giving the Twins a total of 283 home runs on the season.

"We just made bad pitches to the wrong hitters," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "Hanging a couple of breaking balls to those guys hurts."

The Twins used two bullpen games to complete the sweep. Five pitchers combined to stop Cleveland's offense 2-0 in the first game.

Four pitchers worked in the second game, with rookie right-hander Brusdar Graterol (1-0) going two scoreless innings for his first major league win. Graterol hit 100 mph five times in his outing.

Friday's rainout also prompted the Indians to go with their bullpen in the nightcap, and Cleveland led 5-4 going into the eighth.

Jonathan Schoop singled off Adam Cimber to start the inning. Max Kepler hit into a force play, but shortstop Francisco Lindor's throw to first bounced into Minnesota's dugout, allowing Kepler to take second base.

Jorge Polanco's double off Oliver Perez (2-3) tied the game. Cruz and Rosario walked to load the bases, bringing Goody in to face Sano, who returned for the doubleheader after missing four games with a sore back.

Rookie Oscar Mercado and Jordan Luplow homered in the second game as Cleveland built a 5-2 lead.

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# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	98	52	.653	—
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	9
Boston	78	70	.527	19
Toronto	58	91	.389	39½
Baltimore	48	100	.324	49
Central Division				
Minnesota	91	57	.615	—
Cleveland	86	63	.577	5½
Chicago	65	83	.439	26
Kansas City	55	94	.369	36½
Detroit	44	103	.299	46½
West Division				
Houston	97	53	.647	—
Oakland	89	60	.597	7½
Texas	74	76	.493	23

## National League

East Division	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	56	52.0
Washington	77	71	52.0
New York	77	71	52.0
Philadelphia	52	96	35.1
Miami	52	96	35.1
St. Louis	83	65	56.1
Milwaukee	79	69	53.4
Cincinnati	68	80	46.3
Pittsburgh	58	84	40.6
West Division	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	68	73	51.0
San Francisco	68	80	45.9
Arizona	70	60	45.9
Colorado	65	80	43.1

## Wild-card race

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Oakland	89	61	59.3	—
Cleveland	86	63	58.5	2.5
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Washington	81	66	55.1	—
Milwaukee	79	69	53.4	1.0
Philadelphia	76	71	51.7	3.0

## Saturday's games

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto  
Seattle, Chicago White Sox, 10 innings  
Minnesota 2, Cleveland 0, 12th game  
Detroit 8, Baltimore 4, 12th game  
Cincinnati 6, Kansas City 3  
Oakland 8, Texas 6  
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Angels  
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh 1  
Los Angeles at Washington  
N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Dodgers 0  
Los Angeles at Colorado  
Arizona 1, Cincinnati 0  
Boston 2, Philadelphia 1  
Los Angeles at San Francisco  
Miami 4, San Francisco 2  
Sunday's games  
Boston at Philadelphia  
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto  
Baltimore at Detroit  
Los Angeles at Cleveland  
Houston at Kansas City  
Oakland at Texas  
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels  
Chicago White Sox at Seattle  
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## Mariners 2, White Sox 1 (10)

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Sanchez 2b	5	0	1	0
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0
Abreu 1b	4	1	1	0
Moncada 3b	4	0	1	0
Jimenez 2b	4	0	1	0
Mccann c	3	0	0	0
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0
Mundt pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Palmer 1b	1	0	0	0
Cordell cf	0	0	0	0
Engel 1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	7	0

## Seattle

0-6, Seattle 10. 2B—Collins (1), Moncada (29). HR—Long (3), Narvaez (21). SB—Smith (44). S—Cordell (6).					
	IP	H	R	ER	BB
<b>Chicago</b>					
Cease	5	3	0	1	3
Fry	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	0	2
Cordero	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	0	1
Bummer	$1\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0
Marshall	1	2	0	0	0
Colome, L, 4-4	$\frac{2}{3}$	1	1	1	0
<b>Seattle</b>					
Hernandez	7	5	1	1	1
Tuivailala	1	0	0	0	0
Bass	1	1	0	0	0

## Marlins 4, Giants 2

Miami	ab	r	h	bi
Rojas ss	4	1	2	1
Brinson cf	3	0	1	0
Alfaro c	4	1	2	1
Ramirez rf	4	0	1	0
Grubbs 3b	4	1	0	0
Walker 3b	3	0	0	0
Sierra pr	1	0	0	0
Dugger p	2	0	0	0
Moran p	0	0	0	0
Kubler 3b	0	0	0	0
Garcia p	0	0	0	0
Grubbs pr	0	0	0	0
Guerreiro p	0	0	0	0
Urrutia p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	7	7	2

## San Francisco

Gruders ph	1	0	0	0	Anderson p	0	0	0	0
Guerrero p	0	0	0	0	Gustave p	0	0	0	0
Urena p	0	0	0	0	Adames ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	7	4		33	2	8	
Miami					000	000	220-		
San Francisco					000	000	200-		
E—Dubon (3), DP—Miami 1, San Francisco 4 (LOB—San Francisco-2, 2B—Walker (16), Rojas (2), Belt (3), Urrutia (4), 3B—Solano (1), HR—Alfaro (1), S—Bumgarner (4)).									

## Miami

Miami	ab	r	h	bi
Moran 5B-0	6	5	2	2
Kinley 1b	5	1	0	0
Garcia W-1	5	0	0	0
Guerro H-6	5	0	0	0
Urrutia 3b	4	0	0	0
San Francisco				
Bunger 7	4	0	2	0
Alford 3	0	0	0	0
Anderson L-3	1	3	2	0
Gustave 2	0	0	0	0
Moran pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.				
San Francisco (Nastrum 3-0), Bumgarner (Brinson) T—2:56, A—38:63 (41,915).				

## Rockies 11, Padres 10

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
000 000 05-10				
Garcia 2b	4	1	1	0
Martini if	2	1	1	0
Margt-pf	1	1	0	0
Hosmer 1b	2	1	1	0
Wong 2b	1	0	0	0
France 1b	1	0	0	0
Wingenter 1b	0	0	0	0
Bednar p	0	0	0	0
Myers p	0	0	0	0
Naylor rf	4	2	0	0
Hedges c	3	2	1	0
Perdomo p	0	0	0	0
Max 8B-ph 3	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	11	12	10

## San Diego

San Diego	200	030	050-	1
Colorado	036	010	10x-	1
E—Lauer (3), Naylor (6), Blackmon (4), DP—San Diego 0, Colorado 1. LOB—San Diego 6, Colorado 7. 2B—Myers (20), Mejias-Brean (1), Naylor (14), Urias (6), Valaika (4), Wolters (17), Arenado (30), Story (35), Murphy (35). 3B—Martini (1), HR—Machado (30), Blackmon (28). S— Lambert (2).				
IP	H	R	ER	BB

## San Diego

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
000 000 05-10				
Lauer, L-9	2	6	4	2
Reyes 2	2	1	1	0
Wingenter 1	0	0	0	0
Colangelo 1	0	0	0	0
San Diego				
Urrutia 7	5	5	5	3
Almonte 3	0	0	0	0
Pacheco 3	0	0	0	0
Dieth 1	0	0	0	0
Ramos 1	0	0	0	0
Howard 3	0	0	0	0
Shaw, L-12	1	1	1	0
Tinoco, S-1	1	0	0	0
San Diego				
Howard pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.				
HRB—Reyes (Blackman), Harvey (Machado) W-5,2, DP—Colorado (2), Blackman (20), Reyes, Wingenter T—3:29, A—47:370 (50,390).				

## Athletics 8, Rangers 6

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
000 010 000				
Semien ss	4	1	1	0
Launaro rf	5	1	3	0
Chapman 3b	4	1	3	0
Olson 1b	4	1	1	0
Alfonso 2b	4	1	1	0
Canha cf	5	1	2	0
Grisham pf	4	0	0	0
Neuse 4b	2	0	0	0
Totals	40	12	8	6

## Texas

—Santana (17), SF—Trevino (2).						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Oakland</b>						
—S	1½	3	3	3	1	1
—Calkbun	2	4	2	2	0	3
—Chatter, W, 1-1	1½	2	0	0	1	1
—Cano, H, 17	1	1	0	0	0	1
—Catt, H, 28	1	0	0	0	0	2
—Cavanah, H, 29	1	1	1	1	1	1
—Cedrick, S, 22-27	1	1	0	0	1	1
<b>San Francisco</b>						
—Mor, L, 13-9	5	9	7	7	3	5

## Oakland

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
000 020 010-6				
Fiers 1	3	3	3	1
Blackburn 2	4	2	2	0
Buchter, W-1	1	1	0	0
Trivino, H-1	1	0	0	0
Pettit, H-8	1	0	0	0
Diekman, H-29	1	1	1	1
Semien, S-22	1	1	1	1
Miner, L-13	5	9	7	3
Farrill 1	1	1	1	0
Clase 1	1	0	0	0
Blackburn	1	0	0	0

## Blackburn pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.

WP—Fiers, T—3:47, A—31:928 (41,115).

## Tigers 8, Orioles 4 (12)

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
000 010 000				
Alfari 3B-2b	6	1	1	0
Alfonso 2b	4	1	1	0
Mancini 1b	5	2	3	0
Canha 2b	4	1	1	0
Nunez dh	5	0	0	0
Hays cf	5	0	0	0
Williams if	1	0	0	0
Dixon rf	1	0	0	0
Grisham pf	1	0	0	0
Severino c	1	0	0	0
Grisham pf	1	0	0	0
Sisco c	0	0	0	0
Martins 1b	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	4	10	4

## San Francisco

time	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
4	7	2	2	1	1	
3/4	0					
1 1/2	1	0	0	0	1	
1 1/2	0	0	0	1	0	
3/4	1	0	0	0	1	
1	1	1	1	1	1	
1	1	0	0	0	1	
3/4	0	0	0	1	1	
3/4	1	3	3	2	2	
0	1	2	2	1	0	
3	1	0	0	0	3	

## Baltimore

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
000 010 000				
Scott 4	4	1	2	1
Yate 4	1	0	0	0
Blair 4	1	0	0	0
McCastry H-8	1	0	0	0
Armstrong 1	1	0	0	0
Kline 4	1	0	0	0
Eds 4	1	0	0	0
Hedges 5B-0	1	2	2	1
Detroit				
Verhagen 3	3	1	0	0
Chapman 1	4	3	0	0
Jimenez 1	1	0	0	0
McKay 1	1	0	0	0
Stump 1	1	0	0	0
Ynoa pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.				
HRB—Verhagen (2), Blair (1), Ynoa (2), 2B—Hays (2), Lugo (8), Demeterie (5), 2B—Hays (2), Lugo (8), Demeterie (5))				
HRB—Verhagen (2), Blair (1), Ynoa (2), 2B—Hays (2), Lugo (8), Demeterie (5), 2B—Hays (2), Lugo (8), Demeterie (5))				
T—4:07, A—17:760 (42,429).				



## MLB

## SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 28

## Astros 6, Royals 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Springer cf-r	4	0	0	0	Merrifield cf	4	0	2	1
Altuve 2b	5	0	0	0	Mondesti ss	4	0	0	0
Brantley dh	5	0	2	0	Golder dh	4	0	1	0
Strawder 1b	4	0	0	0	Doeber 2b	4	0	0	1
Bergm ss-3b	2	0	1	0	Solter lf	4	0	2	0
Gurriel lb	2	0	1	0	McBroom rf	4	0	0	1
Tucker lf	4	1	1	0	O'Hearn lb	4	0	0	0
Chirinos c	4	0	1	0	Villoria c	3	0	0	0
Toro 3b	3	0	0	0	Lopez 2b	3	1	1	0

Alvarez ph	1	0	0	0					
Mayfield ss	1	0	0	0					
Reddick rf	1	0	0	0					
Olaz 2b	1	0	0	0					
Martinez cf	2	0	0	0					

<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Houston</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>

E—Lopez (4), DP—Houston 1, Kansas City 1, LOB—Houston 12, Kansas City 5, 2B—Merrifield (2), HR—Bregman (36), Alvarez (25), SB—Tucker 2 (3), Chirinos (1).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Greinke, W, 16-5	6	6	1	1	0	7
Rondon, R, 17	1	0	0	0	0	1
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1
Abreu	1	0	0	0	0	1
Harris	1	0	0	0	0	1

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montgomery, L, 3-7	5	5	2	2	5	1
Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1
McCarthy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Spicer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Newberry	1	0	0	0	0	1
Montgomery pitched to the 6th, 1—3:17, A—20,716 (37,903).						

## Rays 3, Angels 1

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Wendle 3b	1	1	0	0	Goodwin cf	4	0	2	0
Meadows rf	3	1	1	0	Fletcher 2b	4	0	0	0
Pham	1	0	0	0	Calhoun rf	3	0	0	0
Riverdia lf	0	0	0	0	Pulido lf	3	0	0	0
Choi lb	3	0	0	0	Walsh lb	4	0	0	0
Almon	1	0	0	0	2 Simmons ss	4	0	0	0
Lowder	4	0	1	0	Thalib 3b	4	0	0	0
Soard 2b	4	0	0	0	Hermosillo c	1	0	0	0
Kiermar cf	4	0	0	0	Bentley ph	1	0	0	0
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	Bentley c	1	0	0	0

<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>

(8), DP—Tampa Bay 0, Los Angeles 2, LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Los Angeles 7, Fletcher (1), Goodwin (3), Soard (1), 2B—Meadows (11), S—Bentmon (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Glasnow	3	2	0	0	1	5
Wade, W, 6-12	2	1	0	0	0	1
Fairbanks, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ramirez, H, 13	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drake, H, 10	1	0	0	0	0	3
Pagan, S, 20-27	1	0	0	0	0	1

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Barris, L, 4-9	5 1/3	3	2	2	2	4
Wade	1	0	0	0	0	0
Del Pozo	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cole	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mejia	1	0	0	0	0	1
Buttrey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Del Pozo pitched to 1 batter in the 6th, LOB—N.Anderson (Hermosillo), WP—Glasnow, N.Anderson (2), T—3:13, A—39,956 (45,950).						

## Diamondbacks 1, Reds 0

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
VanMeter lf	4	0	0	0	Vargas 2b	3	0	0	0
Yotto lb	4	0	0	0	Marte cf	3	0	0	0
Suarez 3b	3	0	0	0	Acosta 3b	3	0	0	0
Aguino rf	3	0	1	0	Walker lf	3	0	0	0
Harmon c	3	0	0	0	Almon lf	3	0	0	0
Galvis ss	1	0	0	0	Kelly c	3	0	0	0
Peraza 2b-ss	3	0	0	0	Almon lf	3	0	0	0
DeSantis ph	2	0	0	0	Dyson rf	1	0	0	0
DeSantis ph	2	0	0	0	Almon lf	3	0	0	0
Kuhniel p	0	0	0	0	Ginkel lf	1	0	0	0
Kuhniel p	0	0	0	0	Bradley p	0	0	0	0

<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>001</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>

Arizona, C—Kelly (3), DP—Cincinnati 0, Arizona 0, SB—Ahmed (5), T—2:15, A—35,151 (48,519).

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuhniel, L, 9-9	7	1	0	1	0	5
Kuhniel	1	0	0	0	0	1

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kelly, W, 11-14	7	3	0	0	2	5
Ginkel, H, 17	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bradley, L, 17	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:15, A—35,151 (48,519).

## AL Leaders

**BATTING** — TL Anderson, Kansas City, 333; LeMahieu, New York, 329; Brantley, Houston, 322; Almon, Baltimore, 316; Devers, Boston, 312; Merrifield, Kansas City, 306; Kiermar, Los Angeles, 305; Bogarts, Boston, 304.

**RBI** — J.Abrun, Kansas City, 116; Soler, Kansas City, 112; Devers, Boston, 107; Bogarts, Boston, 106; Trout, Los Angeles, 104; Bergman, Houston, 104.

## NL Leaders

**BATTING** — Rendon, Washington, 331; Yelich, Milwaukee, 328; K-Martinez, Arizona, 326; B.Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 321; McNeil, New York, 320; Newberry, Pittsburgh, 318; Blackmon, Colorado, 317; Almon, Colorado, 316.

**RBI** — Rendon, Washington, 118; Freeman, Atlanta, 117; Bell, Pittsburgh, 116; Almon, Colorado, 116; Escobar, Arizona, 113; P.Alonso, New York, 109; Belinger, Los Angeles, 108.

## Roundup

## Braves rip Nats, clinch playoff spot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ronald Acuna Jr. ignited a four-run rally with the go-ahead, two-run double, and the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves clinched a playoff berth with a 10-1 victory over the Washington Nationals on Saturday.

Acuna's double down the left-field line off reliever Fernando Rodney added fuel to a dramatic seventh inning for the Braves (93-57), who reduced their magic number to four to clinch their 19th division title.

Earlier in the seventh, Charlie Culberson was struck directly on the right cheekbone by a 91-mph fastball on Rodney's first pitch of the game.

Culberson remained on his back for several minutes as trainers pressed a towel to his face. He was eventually helped to his feet onto the back of a cart.

The Braves have won the last 11 games started by Mike Foltynewicz (7-5), who pitched six solid innings.

Wander Suero (5-8) was charged with the loss as the Washington bullpen gave up nine runs over the final four innings. The Nationals saw their lead in the NL wild card race shrink to 1½ games over the Chicago Cubs.

**Athletics 8, Rangers 6:** Mark Canha's two-run home run off the left-field foul pole broke a fifth-inning tie as Oakland won at Texas.

The A's scored all their runs on homers. Matt Chapman (three-run homer in the third inning), Josh Phegley (two-run homer in the fourth) and Matt Olson (solo in the sixth). Oakland's 242 home runs are one short of the franchise record set in 1996.

The A's have won 10 of its last 12 games.

Ryan Buchter (1-1) pitched 1½ scoreless innings and was one of six A's relievers after Mike Fiers left following 1½ innings because of right-arm nerve irritation. Liam Hendriks pitched a scoreless ninth for his 22nd save in 27 opportunities.

Mike Minor (13-9) lost for the first time since Aug. 27.

**Rays 3, Angels 1:** Travis D'Arnaud broke open a scoreless game with a three-run double in the sixth inning, and Tampa Bay moved its standing in the AL wild card race with its 13th win in 16 games, winning at Los Angeles.

D'Arnaud's drive went over the head of left fielder Michael Hermosillo to clear the bases for the Rays, who struggled for five innings against Angels starter Jacob deGrom (4-9) before breaking through.

Although the Rays managed just five hits, their second straight victory coupled with Cleveland's two losses in a doubleheader at Minnesota left Tampa Bay (89-61) 2½ games clear of the Indians (86-63) for the second wild card spot.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Atlanta Braves Ronald Acuna Jr., center, is congratulated by teammate Freddie Freeman, right, after scoring during their team's 10-1 defeat of the Washington Nationals on Saturday to clinch a playoff spot.

**Yankees 13, Blue Jays 3:** James Paxton pitched five innings to win his ninth straight start, Brett Gardner homered twice and drove in five runs and New York hit five homers to win at Toronto.

Gleyber Torres and Luke Voit also homered for the Yankees, going back-to-back off right-hander Brock Stewart in the fifth, as the AL East leaders won for the 14th time in 19 games.

DJ LeMahieu had four hits for New York, his AL-leading 58th multi-hit game of the season.

Paxton (14-6) allowed one run on three hits, becoming the first Yankees pitcher since Mike Mussina to win nine consecutive starts.

**Mets 3, Dodgers 0:** Rajai Davis hit a three-run double off Julio Urias with two outs in the eighth inning following a brilliant pitchers' duel between New York's Jacob deGrom and Hyun-Jin Ryu, and the host Mets maintained their slim wild-card hopes.

deGrom and Ryu both pitched shutout ball for seven innings and neither walked a batter in a game in which each team got just three hits. New York remained three games behind the Chicago Cubs for the second NL wild card with 14 games left and also trails Milwaukee.

**Cubs 14, Pirates 1:** Kris Bryant and rookie Nico Hoerner, each homered among three hits, and host Chicago went deep four times to set a club record with 237 home runs while pounding Pittsburgh.

Bryant hit a two-run shot in the fourth and had four RBIs. Hoerner's second homer in two days, a three-run drive in the sixth, broke the Cubs' old mark of 235.

**Brewers 5, Cardinals 2:** Mike Moustakas and Yasmani Grandal homered to help Milwaukee win at St. Louis.

The Brewers moved four games behind the first-place Cardinals in the NL Central. Milwaukee remained one game behind the Chicago Cubs for the second wild card spot. The Cubs, who beat Pittsburgh, cut the Cardinals' division lead to three games.

Only one of the two runs Brewers starter Jordan Lyles (11-8) allowed was earned. He gave up six hits and struck out four over six innings.

**Red Sox 2, Phillies 1:** Pitcher Andrew Benintendi's sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth inning lifted Boston to a win at Philadelphia.

The Phillies were mathematically eliminated from the NL East race when the Braves beat Washington earlier in the day to increase their lead in the division to 10½ games over the Nationals. Philadelphia fell 3½ games behind the Chicago Cubs for the second wild card spot and also trails the Brewers and Mets.

Red Sox starter Eduardo Rodriguez had a season-high 12 strikeouts on the defending World Series champions.

**Diamondbacks 1, Reds 0:** Merrill Kelly pitched seven scoreless innings, Nick Ahmed's triple led to the game's only run and host Arizona snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati.

It was a much-needed win for the Diamondbacks, who are trying to stay in a crowded NL wild-card race. They're still 4½ games behind the Chicago Cubs for the final playoff spot with 13 games remaining.

**Tigers 8, Orioles 4 (12):** Victor Reyes hit a tying home run with two outs in the ninth inning and John Hicks had the game-winning grand slam in the 12th to lift host Detroit past Baltimore.

The Orioles lost their 100th game for the second straight season after finishing 47-115 a year ago.

**Astros 6, Royals 1:** Zack Greinke finally beat his old club and Yordan Alvarez belted a pinch-hit three-run homer as Houston won at Kansas City.

Alex Bregman hit his 36th homer and rookie Kyle Tucker was 4-for-4 for the AL West-leading Astros.

**Rockies 11, Padres 10:** Charlie Blackmon homered to start a six-run inning. Daniel Murphy had four hits and 4 RBIs, and host Colorado hung on to beat San Diego.

Tony Wolters had a pair of hits and drove in two runs and Trevor Story doubled and singled and drove in a run. Manny Machado hit a three-run homer for the Padres.

**Marlins 4, Giants 2:** Miguel Rojas doubled in the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth inning, Jorge Alfaro hit a massive home run off Madison Bumgarner, and rookie Robert Duggan pitched 6½ solid innings as Miami won at San Francisco.

Rojas broke a 2-2 tie with a run-scoring double to left off Giants reliever Shaun Anderson (3-5). Lewis Brinson singled in Rojas to make it 4-2.

**Mariners 2, White Sox 1 (10):** Omar Narvaez hit a game-ending home run against his former team, Felix Hernandez turned in his best outing of the season and host Seattle beat Chicago.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

- Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama, threw for a career-best 444 yards — third-most in school history — and five TDs in a 47-23 victory over South Carolina.
- Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma State, rushed for a career-high 256 yards and three TDs as the Cowboys defeated the Golden Hurricane 40-21.
- Malcolm Perry, Navy, ran for four TDs, threw for two more scores and accounted for 307 yards to guide the Midshipmen to a 42-10 rout of defenseless East Carolina.
- Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma, accounted for 439 yards and four TDs, leading the fifth-ranked Sooners to a 48-14 rout of UCLA.
- Kyle Trask, Florida, relieved an injured Felipe Franks and orchestrated three fourth-quarter touchdown drives, including his go-ahead, 4-yard scoring run with 4:11 remaining that lifted the No. 9 Gators to a 29-21 victory over Kentucky.
- Trevor Lawrence, Clemson, threw for 395 yards and three TDs and ran for another score as the top-ranked Tigers beat nemesis Syracuse 41-6.
- J.K. Dobbins, Ohio State, ran for 193 yards and scored two TDs in little over a half as the sixth-ranked Buckeyes blew out Indiana 51-10.
- Jah-Maine Martin, North Carolina A&T, ran for a career-high 299 yards and two TDs in a 27-21 win over Charleston Southern.
- Ian Book, Notre Dame, threw for 340 yards and a career-high five TDs as the seventh-ranked Fighting Irish rolled past New Mexico 66-14.
- Logan Marchi, Sacred Heart, threw for 407 yards and tied a school record with six TD passes in a 56-40 win over Lafayette.
- Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay, returned two interceptions for TDs in a 48-34 win over Mercer.
- Jordan McCloud, South Florida, threw three TD passes and ran for two scores to help the Bulls end an eight-game losing streak with a 55-16 victory over South Carolina State.
- Dillon Gabriel, UCF, threw for 347 yards and four TDS, leading the No. 17 Knights to a 45-27 rout of Stanford.
- Trey Smith, Wyoming, ran for 152 yards and two scores in a 21-16 win over Idaho.
- Davis Cheek, Elon, threw a career-high five TD passes in a 42-20 win over Richmond.
- Quentin Harris, Duke, accounted for 343 yards and four TDs in a 41-18 win over Middle Tennessee.

— The Associated Press



Oklahoma State running back Chuba Hubbard jumps over Tulsa cornerback Reggie Robinson II (9) during Saturday's game in Tulsa, Okla. Hubbard rushed for a career-high 256 yards and three TDs.

## How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 No. 1 Clemson (3-0) beat Syracuse 41-6.** Trevor Lawrence threw for three touchdowns and ran for one in the top-ranked Tigers. The Gators were the last team to beat Clemson in the regular season, were held to 187 yards on offense. **Next:** vs. Charlotte, Saturday.
- 2 No. 2 Alabama (3-0) beat South Carolina 47-23.** Tua Tagovailoa threw for a career-high 444 yards and tied his personal best with five touchdowns to help Alabama open Southeastern Conference play with a victory over South Carolina. DeVonta Smith and Henry Ruggs III both surpassed 100 yards receiving. **Next:** vs. Southern Miss, Saturday.
- 3 Georgia (3-0) beat Arkansas State 55-0.** Jake Fromm threw for 279 yards and three touchdowns before taking the rest of the day off, and Georgia's defense tuned in a dominating performance. The Bulldogs took control as soon as they got their hands on the ball. They scored on six of seven possessions in the first half, building a 34-0 lead. **Next:** vs. No. 7 Notre Dame, Saturday.
- 4 LSU (3-0) beat Northwestern State 65-14.** Joe Burrow completed 21 of 24 passes for 373 yards and two touchdowns, and the Tigers pulled away in the second half. Burrow has played through the third quarter only once in three games. He's 75 of 90 (83.3%) passing for 1,122 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. **Next:** at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
- 5 Oklahoma (3-0) beat UCLA 48-14.** Jalen Hurts racked up 439 scrimmage yards, became the first Oklahoma quarterback to pass for 200 yards and rush for 100 in the first half and directed the Sooners to scores on their first six drives. He completed 15 of 20 passes for 289 yards and three touchdowns and ran 14 times for 150 yards and a score. **Next:** vs. Texas Tech, Saturday, Sept. 28.
- 6 Ohio State (3-0) beat Indiana 51-10.** J.K. Dobbins ran for 193 yards and scored twice, Justin Fields threw three touchdowns passes and Ohio State routed Indiana. The Buckeyes have won each of their first three games by at least 24 points and extended their winning streak in the series to 24, doing so to be in 1990. Fields was 14-for-24 for 153 yards. **Next:** vs. Miami (OH), Saturday.
- 7 Notre Dame (2-0) beat New Mexico 66-14.** Ian Book threw a career-high five touchdown passes and the Irish defense came up with three first-half interceptions in its final tuneup before a showdown at No. 3 Georgia. Book rebounded from a lackluster opening performance at Louisville to complete 15 of 24 passes for 360 yards. **Next:** at No. 3 Georgia, Saturday.
- 8 Auburn (3-0) beat Kent State 55-16.** Jarvious Whitlow rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and Bo Nix ran and passed for scores to lead the Tigers, who piled up 467 rushing yards — and three 100-yard rushes — in their final tuneup before SEC play. **Next:** vs. No. 16 Texas A&M, Saturday.
- 9 Florida (3-0) beat Kentucky 29-21.** Kyle Trask relieved an injured Felipe Franks and rallied Florida with three fourth-quarter touchdown drives, including a go-ahead, 4-yard scoring run with 4:11 remaining. Franks, the Gators' third-year starter, was carted off with a right leg injury late in the third quarter with his team trailing 21-10. Stopped for no gain on fourth-and-1 at the Kentucky 38, Franks appeared to bend backward on the play. **Next:** vs. Tennessee, Saturday.
- 10 Michigan (2-0) did not play.** If the Wolverines can't figure out how to cut down on fumbling, they will have a hard time approaching their lofty goals of winning the Big Ten title and contending for a national championship. **Next:** at No. 14 Wisconsin, Saturday.
- 11 Utah (3-0) beat Idaho State 31-0.** Tyler Huntley threw for 282 yards and three touchdowns and Zach Moss ran for 106 yards and another score in Utah's victory over Idaho State. On just 10 carries, Moss also recorded his 13th 100-yard rushing performance. **Next:** at No. 24 Southern Cal, Friday.
- 12 Texas (2-1) beat Rice 48-13.** Sam Ehlinger threw for 279 yards and three touchdowns, Jake Smith caught six passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns and Texas beat Rice. **Next:** vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- 13 Penn State (3-0) beat Pittsburgh 107-10.** Journey Brown ran for 109 yards and a touchdown and Penn State held off Pittsburgh in their 100th meeting. Pitt opted to kick a field goal on fourth-and-goal at the Penn State 1 trailing by a touchdown with less than 4 minutes to go. Alex Kessman's 19-yard attempt clanked off the upright and the Nittany Lions later turned away Pitt's last-ditch possession to win their third straight in the series. **Next:** at No. 21 Maryland, Friday, Sept. 27.
- 14 Wisconsin (2-0) did not play.** The Badgers have yet to allow an opponent to score a single point this season, and held South Florida and Central Michigan to an average of just 107.5 yards per game. **Next:** vs. No. 10 Michigan, Saturday.
- 15 Oregon (2-1) beat Montana 35-3.** Justin Herbert threw for 316 yards and five touchdowns in the Ducks' final tuneup before opening Pac-12 play at Stanford. Jacob Breeland and Johnny Johnson III each caught a pair of touchdowns for Oregon, which won its 25th straight nonconference game at Autzen Stadium. **Next:** at Stanford, Saturday.
- 16 Texas A&M (2-1) beat Lamar 62-3.** Freshman Isaiah Spiller ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns and Kellen Mond threw for 317 yards with a touchdown pass and a run in three quarters to lead the Aggies. Spiller shined in the first game since Jashaun Corbin sustained a season-ending hamstring injury last week, running for touchdowns of 1 and 34 yards. **Next:** vs. No. 8 Auburn, Saturday.
- 17 Freshman Dillon Gabriel** threw for 347 yards and four touchdowns in his second college start, leading UCF past Stanford. The Knights scored on six of seven possessions, building a 31-point halftime lead in what was expected to be a much tougher test for the two-time defending American Athletic Conference champions. **Next:** at Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- 18 Michigan State (2-1) lost to Arizona State 10-7.** En Benjamin ran in a 10-yard touchdown with 50 seconds remaining, and the Sun Devils won after the Spartans had a tying field goal negated for having too many men on the field. Matt Coghlin's 42-yard kick appeared to have tied it with 6 seconds remaining, but a replay showed the infraction. **Next:** at Northwestern, Saturday.
- 19 Iowa (3-0) beat Iowa State 18-17.** Nate Stanley threw for 201 yards and ran for a score, and Iowa made a big fourth-down stop, allowing the Hawkeyes to beat Iowa State for the fifth straight time. **Next:** vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday, Sept. 28.
- 20 Washington State (3-0) beat Houston 31-24.** Friday, Anthony Gordon threw for 440 yards and three touchdowns for his third straight 400-yard game as the Cougars pulled away in the second half. **Next:** vs. UCLA, Saturday.
- 21 Maryland (2-1) lost to Temple 20-17.** Kenny Yeboah put Temple ahead on a one-handed touchdown catch late in the fourth quarter, and the Owls used two clutch stops at the goal line to beat an unbeaten Maryland team for the second straight season. **Next:** vs. No. 13 Penn State, Friday, Sept. 27.
- 22 Boise State (3-0) beat Portland State 45-10.** John Hightower returned a kickoff for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass, and Hank Bachmeier threw for 238 yards for the Broncos, who were playing only their third FCS opponent since 2010. Boise State used its big-play offense to bury an outmached Vikings squad. The Broncos had 11 plays from scrimmage go for 20 yards or more, including three touchdowns. **Next:** vs. Air Force, Friday.
- 23 Washington (2-1) beat Hawaii 52-20.** Jacob Eason threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Bryant on the third play of the game and added two more and Washington rebounded from a loss to beat Hawaii. Eason and the Huskies overwhelmed the Rainbow Warriors, taking a 2-0 lead in less than 9 minutes. **Next:** at BYU, Saturday.
- 24 Southern Cal (2-1) lost to BYU 30-27.** Dayan Ghanwoloku intercepted a tipped pass in overtime after Jake Oldroyd kicked a 43-yard field to give BYU the lead, and the Cougars beat the Trojans for their second straight OT victory over a traditional power program. Kenyon Slovis threw for 281 yards and two touchdowns for USC. **Next:** vs. No. 11 Utah, Friday.
- 25 Virginia (3-0) beat Florida State 31-24.** Wayne Tualapapa ran for three touchdowns, and the last with 2:34 remaining, and Virginia hung on to beat Florida State. **Next:** vs. Old Dominion, Saturday.





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**Capitals' Ovechkin still a lean, mean**

# RUSSIAN MACHINE

**'The Great Eight' not slowing down in 15th season**

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**A**lex Ovechkin doesn't think he's any lighter going into his 15th NHL training camp.

"The same 260," he said.

That might be a slight exaggeration for a player listed at 235 pounds, though the Washington Capitals captain worked to be leaner and quicker. When the season starts, he'll be 34.

He's made a concerted effort with different summer training to keep up with the ever-quickening pace of the league while remaining undecided about his long-term future.

"The game is getting faster, so you have to get ready for more speed in the game and don't try to lift too much weight and just be quicker," Ovechkin said.

The Russian superstar, who was named playoff MVP in 2018 for leading the Capitals to the Stanley Cup, plays more like a freight train than a Porsche. His physicality makes him stand out in the modern NHL trending toward speed and skill and has helped make him the best goal scorer of this generation.

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Capitals captain

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The Washington Capitals' Alex Ovechkin  
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